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City administrator resigns in Albany

Departing assistant will assume position

By Phyllis Lyon

ALBANY — Following the surprise resignation of City Administrator John Nachbar last Thursday, the City Council moved quickly to secure a replacement from current city ranks.

The council, meeting in executive session late Friday afternoon, voted to ask present Assistant City Administrator Daren Fields to stay on in Albany as Nachbar's successor. Fields, reached Sunday at his El Cerrito home, accepted the offer of the city's top post and rescinded his recent decision to become Assistant Town Manager in Danville.

Nachbar will leave Albany Dec. 1 for duty as Assistant City Manager in Tucson, Ariz.

"The opportunity to stay in Albany was too great to pass up," said Fields, 34, who became Assistant City Administrator in 1987. Fields praised the city staff as a "fine bunch of dedicated public servants" and Albany as a small town where it's possible to "get things done and see the results of hard work."

"John will be a tough act to follow, but I am excited by the prospect of working with the city council to move Albany forward," he said.

Nachbar, who came to Albany three and a half years ago from the central valley town of Patterson, was equally enthusiastic about his new position in Arizona.

"We had expected to be here at least a couple more years, but this is a very good move for me — a lucky break," said Nachbar.

The Kansas native said he and his family have "mixed emotions" about leaving the charms of Albany and the Bay Area for the southwest but the chance to work in Tucson, a city of 480,000 and growing, represented an irresistible step forward on his career path.

"We're sad to lose John, but glad for his great opportunity," said Mayor Brodsky, calling Nachbar "a very talented young man" and the Tucson offer "a meteoric leap in his career."

Fields, a former southern Californian, holds a degree in Political Science from UC Berkeley and was legislative assistant to Assemblyman Tom Bates for six years before joining the Albany city staff.

Considering Fields' seven years experience with the issues and inner workings of the city government, a smooth transition to the new administration appears to be a certainty.

Sign of the times



Campaign signs, like the one above neighboring the Del Norte Place redevelopment project, are multiplying in El Cerrito. Proposition F (unlike Albany's Measure F) seeks voter approval to continue operation of the city's redevelopment agency.

Redevelopment measure's fate will shape El Cerrito's future

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — The Redevelopment Advisory Committee will hold an informational meeting Monday, Oct. 24 for voters who wish to learn more about the city's redevelopment efforts. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Open House Senior Center, 6500 Stockton Ave., behind the El Cerrito Library.

After almost a year of working on a variety of redevelopment issues, the committee's foremost recommendation was that the question of continuing redevelopment in El Cerrito be put to the voters. The City Council concurred and placed the issue (Proposition F) on the Nov. 8 ballot.

The vote will determine whether the Redevelopment Agency should be allowed to

continue issuing bonds to finance new development in areas of the city designated as suffering from blight. The limit set is \$80 million, with \$20 million designated for use at El Cerrito Plaza if needed. Monies are only to be expended if revenues are projected to cover the debts incurred.

Though the committee has endorsed the continuation of redevelopment, chair Jon Bashor said this meeting is meant to answer questions about the proposed Redevelopment Plan Amendment, rather than to advocate for its passage.

"The whole redevelopment process is complex... just what is a redevelopment project can be confusing," he said. "For example, even though the Home Depot was built in the Redevelopment Area, it's not a redevelopment project like Target and Del Norte Place are."

The 14-member committee was

appointed by the council in 1993 and has studied past and present projects, as well as future plans and redevelopment financing.

At the informational meeting, several members will discuss the scope and findings of the group's work and will then answer related questions.

The question of continuing redevelopment is one that engenders strong feelings in the city. Many agree with the City Council's and city staff's belief that financial and other incentives provided by city government using the redevelopment "tool" stimulates the economy, sparks private interest in development and eventually leads to increased revenues which support the city's infrastructure and community services.

Others believe the private market should be self-driven, that it's the people who make their livings

in business — not those who make their livings in government — who can make the best decisions about development, and that newer and bigger projects may not always mean "progress."

Some citizens, not necessarily opposed to redevelopment as a tool, have recently been strongly advocating for a more studied and community-driven approach to development decisions, in which the city of El Cerrito is more pro-active in seeking out certain kinds of development projects that fit into community values that have been determined by some kind of deliberate group process.

Copies of the committee's final report are available at City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave. For further information on the meeting, call 215-4380.

Newsline

School benefit promotes healthy kids

The Madera Elementary School will sponsor a "spirited" afternoon of exercise and fun on Friday, Oct. 14. In a sea of blue and white, dozens of volunteers and more than 300 children will celebrate their school by participating in the ball toss and frog jump, or by jumping rope, running laps and doing sit-ups.

In the school's biggest event of

the year, pledges raised by the children will contribute thousands of dollars to directly benefit students through PTA sponsored events and activities. All participants will walk away with healthy treats, healthier bodies and medals celebrating their involvement.

To make a pledge or support the PTA's efforts contact Susan Toler at 232-6023.

Cardroom campaign returns funds

More than \$6,000 in contributions to the No on Casinos campaign has been returned to contributors, due to a concern that the fact that the funds originated from outside Albany's borders might appear inappropriate.

"We decided we simply couldn't take the chance of the appearance that someone or a group of people outside of Albany have influence by contributing large amounts of money," campaign spokesperson Joyce Jackson said.

"It was not an easy decision for the steering committee to make, as money is always an issue in a grassroots effort," she said, adding that contributions from Albany resi-

dents and "those who live nearby" will still be gratefully accepted.

The returned contributions, reflecting a wide regional awareness and concern, came from as far east as Antioch and as far south as San Leandro.

"In arriving at its decision not to accept the money, the group recognizes that it is the Albany voter's responsibility to decide the kind of community we will have. Should we be known as the community that values its small town ambience? We cannot be both," Jackson said.

The reduction of funds will leave approximately \$2,500 in the No on Casinos campaign coffers, Jackson said.

Unhealthy street trees discovered in survey

By Phyllis Lyon

ALBANY — Street tree counters wearing day-glo orange jackets and carrying minicomputers fanned out into Albany neighborhoods recently taking an inventory which officials will use to put order into the city's

tree management program.

"We will have a complete database of all street trees in the city within the public right of way — parks, parking strips, the BART park, city hall," said Assistant Planner Anna Pehoushek.

"If we are going to keep planting

street trees, we have to consider the long range maintenance needs. The inventory will provide a necessary management tool for the city," she said.

Trees are listed according to location, botanical species and common names, height and diameter,

age and whether their physical state is good, declining, diseased or dead. Conditions around the trees — if roots are breaking up the sidewalk or if low-hanging branches or suckers are obscuring traffic, signs or utility wires — are also included in

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Cemetery expansion blocked

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — An injunction has been placed on excavation work at Sunset View Cemetery.

Though cemetery officials felt they were going about regular business in preparing a large area for future burial plots, one neighbor, supported by a number of other Eureka Avenue and Seaview residents, didn't agree. The result was the filing of a lawsuit against both the cemetery corporation and the city of El Cerrito.

According to Margaret O'Connell, who filed the suit, the large excavation, which the cemetery began working on in late June, comes to within 15 inches of her backyard fence.

"Neighbors are supporting her in the lawsuit," said Trudy Heinecke, a resident whose back-

yard also touches cemetery property. "Many of us have submitted declarations to the court."

According to Heinecke, neighbors believe that since "this area of the cemetery has been zoned F-1 Open Space," it should conform to the 50-foot setback, required by city ordinance for F-1 zones.

Heinecke said that at the end of July, the city issued a stop work order after meeting with cemetery officials (at the neighbors' instigation) and learning that proper permits had not been issued. When the cemetery made proper application, however, work was allowed to continue.

"Mrs. O'Connell filed the lawsuit when it became clear that they were going to allow the cemetery to put (the graves) that close to the property line," Heinecke said.

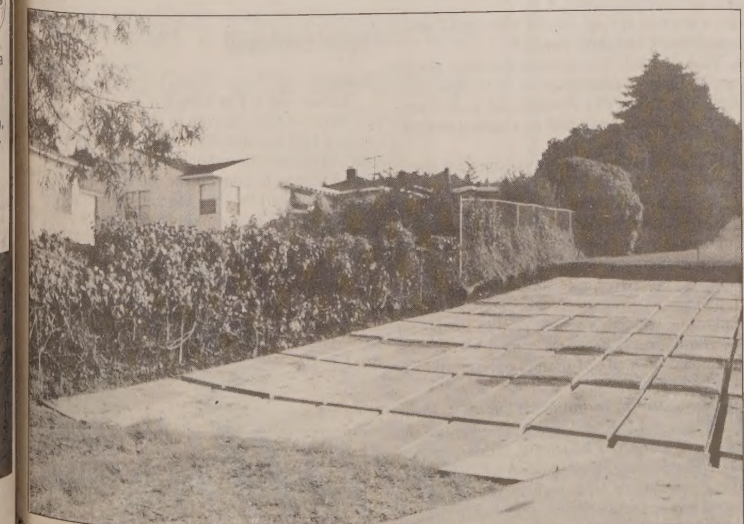
Neighborhood reaction comes in

part from the unexpected nature of the expansion project. Rather than individual graves with space between, the seven-foot deep hole is designed to hold 600 vaults with two caskets each.

"This is a much more dense kind of burial technique than one normally sees," said Heinecke. "For each funeral, you'd have to strip off the sod, then lower the casket down into it."

Heinecke wonders how family and friends would react if attending a burial service just inches away

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Sunset View cemetery's plans to permanently locate 600 burial plots adjacent to neighboring property lines has been put on hold indefinitely.

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Remembering When

By William Paul

The past life of transbay commuter excursions

The calendar says it's a normal weekday in the year nineteen-twenty-something and we — (that's you and I) — are on our way to work in San Francisco, like we do six days out of the week. You may not like it, but that's the way it was for most people then. You worked half a day on Saturdays.

You don't say you work in San Francisco, if someone asks. You say you work in The City and if someone refers to "the war" he means The Big War — WWI. So grab your hat (you always wore a hat in The City) and, if you are of the female persuasion, put on your gloves.

Unless you're chairman of the board or its equivalent, you are not going to drive your car. The bridge hasn't been built yet and the few auto ferries available aren't practical for a poor "woikin' stiff" like you, so you opt for either Key System, or Southern Pacific train/boat transportation. Both lines ran roughly parallel routes that made either one or both accessible to most populated areas of the East Bay and provide almost identical time schedules, at identical prices.

One good example of the duplication of opportunity to commuters is in downtown Berkeley — Shattuck Avenue just south of University. Both Key and SP tracks plus some streetcar tracks ran along Shattuck and the trains make stops at University. Then when you throw in space for automobile traffic and an SP station in the center, you have what is called the widest business street in the world. (Whether or not that statement is true I don't

really know, but it was talked about quite often.)

Your monthly book of commuter's tickets cost \$6.50 and is good every day — even on Sunday.

If you board your train at or near the starting point of that line you will probably recognize a good many faces who are sitting in the same seats they always sit in every day and have been sitting in every day for years. But unless you actually know them personally, you'll ignore them and take the seat you've been sitting in every day — maybe for years. That's just "the way it goes" with commuters — don't scratch my back and I won't scratch yours. It's peaceful that way.

Your train ride will make about 10 to 15 stops before converging with other trains from other lines and heading for the boat landing. This is true of both the Key and the SP lines. When you arrive at the landing you'll practically always find the boat is pulling into the slip or already there. Both lines run on a very tight schedule, and the loading and unloading take very little time.

Boarding the boat, you may recognize a goodly number of people you don't know sitting in the same seats they always sit in and have sat in for years ... see above for boarding the train. However, if you're the more gregarious type you may meet up with some of your friends you always meet up with, and if it's the first of the month compare serial numbers on your new ticket book and see if you have won the Commute Book Poker Pool. (See what kind of a

poker hand you can make out of the numbers. Three of a kind is usually a cinch to win.)

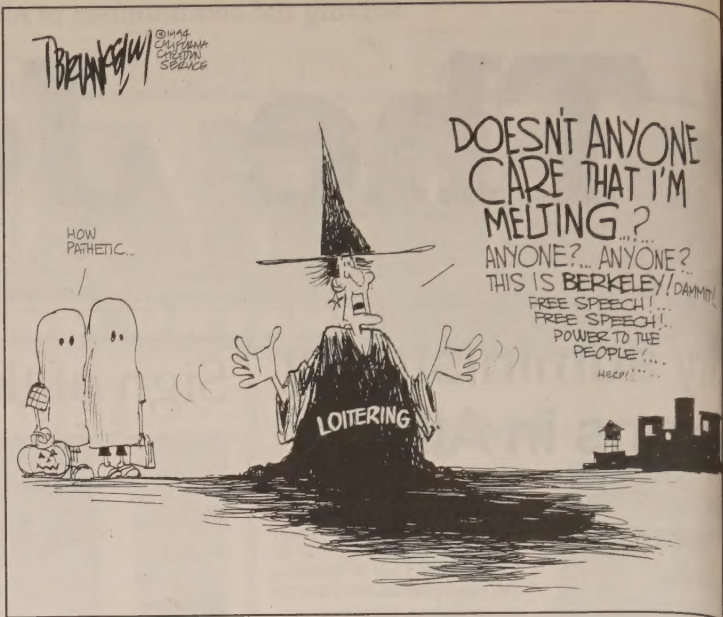
Nearing the Ferry Building the skipper would have to let some water into the aft ballast tanks as everyone moves forward to get off first. It takes some mighty good seamanship to dock one of those clumsy ferries in the wind and tide pulls. Good men, those pilots.

The ferries have another big advantage over the bridges and tunnels now spanning the bay — you could head for the coffee shop where you'll find huge trays of snails waiting along with coffee cups full of coffee to be bought if you had missed breakfast because of a fight with your wife, or something. I doubt if they will sell you anything else during the commuting hours, and during rough weather days the coffee shop is no place to order anything liquid to eat.

The boat trip, of course, is the fun part of commuting to and from work, if you find any connection between work and fun.

But in good weather, sitting outside on a bench on the top deck, watching the San Francisco skyline move away from you after a full day of tiring work provides a calming down and perhaps cooling off of your whole system. I don't remember anyone using the word "stress" much in those days.

It was more like, "Gosh ... after I've had dinner I may feel like taking some flossie to a flick tonight." Then you'd take out your little black book and start looking — pretending that you had a whole bunch to choose from.



"We'll give you more and better police and fire protection and city services and these harmless card players will pay the freight... why, they'll just pop into Golden Gate Fields long enough to pay your tax bills... you'll hardly know they are there."

The last time we fell for this swindle it was statewide — The Lottery. That was sold to us as the great savior of our schools. After the gamblers and the politicians took their rake-off, how much money ever saw its way to improving California schools? Practically none. In my association with the California Arts council, I have conducted music residencies all over California and I found only one out of dozens of schools that had ever seen a nickel of Lottery money. This the same swindle on the local level, sold by gamblers who stand to make fabulous profits, and by spineless politicians who don't have the will to be fiscally responsible or the leadership to rally support for paying for the services we all depend on.

I am doubly angered by the (alleged) efforts being made to frighten older residents on fixed incomes into thinking that without the cardroom, they will quickly be visited with demands for \$300 or \$400 more in annual assessments. These figures are unsupportable. I, for one, believe that Albany is smart enough to see through these tactics and sensible enough to find better ways to maintain our fine little town. Let those who tout the benefits of cardrooms reaped by Indian reservations spend some time living on those reservations. I'm certain they will quickly agree with me that that style of living is not what we had in mind when we chose to live in Albany.

Daniel C. Lewis
Albany

Consider failure

Editor:

There has been much discussion of what will happen to Albany if the cardroom proposal passes. I want to consider what will happen if it fails.

All California cities have been under financial strain because of state take-away of funds. If the cardroom proposal fails, then Albany must act immediately to raise various taxes and fees under its control. At this time, Albany is about in the middle of surrounding cities, in terms of its taxes and fees; so we have some leeway. However, these won't generate enough revenue to solve our fiscal crisis.

If the proposal fails, then the city must present a parcel tax to the voters in a special election early next year, for around \$80 per parcel (about double what we needed for the library). In the subsequent year, the city will probably need a parcel tax of around \$120. Beyond this the future is not clear.

If the voters should fail to pass one of these annual parcel taxes, the result would be extensive layoffs; it would probably be impossible to shield police and fire services from the consequences.

Robert H. Good
Albany City Councilmember

Pragmatic view

Editor:

With a worried eye on Albany's budget, I am concerned about Measures A and F.

Our Park and Rec Commission meetings for the past two years have often focused on budget problems and cuts in city services and staff. Face it — city revenue is down and an ongoing deficit looms.

Measure A, which would use existing school bond money to buy the old Albany Hill Lumber site and build a new school, is said to be "cost free." It is not. We have already lost the sales tax revenue from the lumber company, a new school does not provide the revenue Albany would receive if the land were used for residential development.

In addition, why put a school next to the BART tracks? Hardly ideal. But there is no other available land. In a city of limited options, this is the best option.

Yes on Measure A — but don't ignore its costs. Which brings me to Measure F. The cardroom makes use of a building which sits fallow much of the year. The proposal guarantees \$1.2 million in additional revenue to Albany every year, grants long term environmental uses of the shoreline, and adds a new security force to patrol the bulb, which actually needs patrolling right now. Let's face it — in an ideal world, the school

would not be next to the BART tracks and we would put something else on the shoreline. In the real world of limited options, Measure F is great for our city.

But Measure F seems to be strongly opposed not so much on economic grounds, but on moral grounds, a simple cardroom is called a "casino" is not. Is Frank Morley's old Pub and Tobacco Shop on Solano Avenue a "drug den?" Do the knives for sale all over town make Albany a "weapon's depot?" I think not.

In a city of limited options, the options on waterfront are either limited revenue for you come from a part-time race track, or greatly increased revenue from a legal business with environmental benefits to the shoreline.

Yes on A and F — for Albany's future.

Matthew R.

Supports redevelopment

Editor:

San Pablo Avenue in El Cerrito is not, and never will be like Rodeo Drive or Wilshire Boulevard in Beverly Hills. However, in the almost 20 years the city's Redevelopment Agency has been in existence, it has made a significant contribution toward improving the appearance of El Cerrito's main street. The last couple of years have seen significant changes for the better in areas around the Del Norte BART station. The crowds shopping at the new Target store bring much needed sales tax revenue to support city services.

I believe the value of our homes is in part related to the quality of the city's commercial districts. Ask any realtor about the impact of Apple's on Fairmount Avenue on the value of homes in the surrounding neighborhood. By the same token, making San Pablo Avenue and the Plaza more attractive will help all El Cerrito homeowners maintain the value of their homes.

Recently, I noticed a new group in town advocating a "new" plan for San Pablo Avenue make the street "pedestrian friendly." This would include requiring placing new buildings close to the sidewalk with parking in the back. This is not new. More than 20 years ago El Cerrito adopted just such a plan. Unfortunately, most businesses were, for the most part, unwilling to invest in buildings which met the city's criteria. Fortunately the City Council long ago abandoned that plan and we found more businesses willing to invest their money along the "Avenue."

I urge El Cerrito voters to vote in favor of Proposition F on the November ballot to continue the Redevelopment Agency's program. At the same time I urge members of the City Council to use good business judgment in determining criteria they adopt for new commercial development. To expect to see a Neiman Marcus store at the Plaza or have San Pablo Avenue like Solano Avenue is not only unrealistic, it could be counter productive to attracting business. We can attract desirable businesses to our city only if we are realistic as to what the market will support.

Howard P. Al

Voter confused

Editor:

Excuse me if I'm wrong. Here we have to vote in November if we want to buy Hill Lumber Co. to build new school and a new middle school. Next they will want more money to convert the old library into classrooms. Wasn't that the big come on to get the library tax on our property tax. They would have that building for crowded school rooms there by there every day and it's still empty, empty. Does our school board want to go all out for Hill Lumber yard deal and let the old library and if the Hill Lumber Co. is partly in El Cerrito will we have to pay taxes to El Cerrito?

I'm confused.

Glen

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Anni Tilt, with Eleanor, 1, Amy Weiss, Chuck Pittsch, with Sophia, 3, David Arkin and the family dog Nick are working against the measure's passage.

Campaigns moving into full swing No on Casinos focuses on grassroots efforts

By Phyllis Lyon

Opponents of Measure F, the "No on Casinos" campaign, began taking their message to the neighborhoods in earnest this week, following reorganization of the campaign steering committee.

Ventura Avenue resident and former Albany mayor Joyce Jackson said that though she is officially co-chair of the steering committee with Planning Commission Chair and former mayor Bill Cain, "each of the dozen members is equal in terms of responsibility and commitment."

"We do whatever is needed — dig into our pockets or deliver campaign literature — we do windows," she laughed.

"The special dimension in our campaign against Measure F is that we are a totally grassroots effort. There's no way our group or any other can begin to match or approach the financial resources of a \$7 billion corporation," Jackson said.

"But there's one area where we can compete — and I believe we're winning — and that's one of spirit," Jackson said.

Jackson said she is heartened to have many young Albany families join in the effort to defeat the card room proposal.

"They want to maintain the quality of life in Albany as we know it and don't believe for a minute that continuous gambling is in keeping with community values," she said.

"Places have a reputation. If Albany, now known as

the Gateway to Alameda County, becomes the Gaming Capital of Alameda County, the city will automatically become less desirable."

Jackson said she is "appalled and greatly distressed that one-third of the city's economy could depend on something so volatile" as cardroom gaming.

She compared the possible affects of increased gambling in Albany with the state lottery whose campaign slogan was "and the school's win, too."

"That was a lie. The lottery is a disaster,"

Jackson said that, while most of the "No on Casinos" volunteers do not object to gambling on moral grounds, they do believe "undesirable social impacts would come along with" a cardroom on the city's waterfront.

"Many cardroom players are well off, but a certain percentage are poor. We don't want to make money off the backs of poor people," she said.

Jackson said supporters of Measure F have told her, "Be realistic, money talks."

"There are forces more important to Albany than money. If the community decides that the cardroom is not for us, I believe we will be able to find more creative and better means to overcome the city's deficit."

The "No on Casinos" campaign will sponsor a public forum on Nov. 3 featuring Alameda County Sheriff Charles Plummer, a cardroom opponent.

The public will be invited to express their opinions and have their questions answered, Jackson said.

Citizens for Measure F boast cardroom benefits

By Phyllis Lyon

ALBANY — The Citizens for Measure F campaign headquarters at 1164 Solano Ave., where walls are adorned with architect's drawings of the proposed cardroom at Golden Gate Fields, maps and lists of volunteer workers, is abuzz with the faithful mailing phones, addressing envelopes and heading out on to spread the word.

Chair of the Citizens for Measure F campaign, Albany Police Chief Larry Murdo himself has gone on the stump to support passage of the proposed cardroom.

"I'm volunteering my time to help because I firmly believe this campaign is about the safety of our residents," Murdo said.

"As police chief I know how badly our department needs the revenue Measure F will provide. It will pay to keep police officers on our streets," he said.

Two Yes on F volunteers who are "on the phone, out walking for us and making this campaign happen," according to a pro-Measure F organizer, are Stannage Avenue residents Kristen and Tim Clark.

First-time homeowners and three-year Albany citizens, the Clarks said of their new-found activism, "We've never done anything like this before, but this issue sparked our interest. We decided it was time to

take a stand and help out."

As with many young Albany families, the Clarks are concerned about the future.

"There's a ceiling on the burden taxpayers can bear," Tim Clark said. With the possibility of being "nickel and dimed" out of their house, the Clarks see cardroom revenues not only as a "viable option," but as an alternative highly-preferable to the parcel tax which has been suggested to rid the city of a growing budget deficit.

"Everyone needs to have ideals but we also need to be realistic. The race track is there. The waterfront is private property. We need to work with Ladbroke to do what's best for the city," they said.

The Clarks, who said they find the waterfront neither a pleasant or safe place to go at present, also support Measure F because of the environmental improvements which will be made.

Tim Clark said he talked with an Albany police officer who reassured him security at Golden Gate Fields would be handled by Ladbroke with a plan approved by the Albany Police Department and calls to the track would not be "more than they are now."

But the best part of the Clarks' maiden voyage into Albany politics may be getting to know their neighbors.



Kristen and Tim Clark are two Measure F supporters.

"I was scared at first and expected to have doors slammed in my face," Kirsten Clark said.

"But everybody is so polite, it makes me feel good about Albany."

Poinsett Park clean-up scheduled

A clean-up fair will be held at Poinsett Park in El Cerrito on Oct. 15 from 9 a.m. to noon and will be followed by a community puppet show and

picnic from noon to 4 p.m. Volunteer participation is urged. For information call Suzanne Neuman at 236-2118.

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Armed robbery suspects nabbed in Oakland

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — Two arrests have been made in connection with two violent armed robberies that took place at different San Pablo Avenue nail care salons Sept. 21 and Oct. 3.

On Sept. 21, a woman entered Kym Nail Care and requested nail service. A few minutes later, she was joined by a male accomplice who pistol whipped both the salon owner and one of the customers, then forced those present to give up their jewelry, rings, cash and purses.

The incident occurred at 11:48 a.m. Twelve days later, a male and female suspect used the same tactics at about the same time of morning, 11:55 a.m.

A woman entered Classy Nails and requested nail care; the male suspect again hit two of his victims with a handgun. Cash and jewelry were again reported stolen.

As a result of the investigation, uniformed Oakland police took two persons into custody Oct. 5. Vincent Lewis and Tomira Lewis of Oakland were stopped without incident on I-880 and are suspected of the crimes.

All victims were treated for head injuries at local hospitals.

Anyone with information on either incident is urged to contact Detective Mike Regan at 215-4420 or Detective Mike Spearman at 215-4419.

State assemblywoman to speak at El Cerrito club

Assemblymember Gwen Moore, Majority Whip of the State Assembly and Chair of the Assembly's Committee on Utilities and Commerce, will be the featured speaker at the El Cerrito Democratic Club's annual dinner, Saturday, Oct. 22.

Her topic will be "The Politics of Inclusion: Making the Government of California Accessible to Those Being Governed."

Club President Jean Brown invites community members to attend, to hear Assemblymember Moore, and to meet the other elected officials and club members who will be there.

"Everyone seems to enjoy this event," Brown says, "and the food is good, too. In addition, this is the club's only fund-raiser of the year."

The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with a no-host bar. Dinner will be served at 7 p.m., and Assemblymember Moore will speak at 8 p.m.

The cost is \$14 for club members, \$16 for the general public and \$6 for children.

For reservations and information, call 525-8528 or 527-2194.

The dinner will be held at the Mira Vista United Church of Christ, 7075 Cutting Blvd. — one block below the Arlington — in El Cerrito. Plenty of free parking is available.

Police Reports

Police investigating series of auto vandalism and theft

By K. Osborn

ALBANY — There were a high number of vandalism and theft to cars parked around Albany this past week. In each case the vehicle was broken into, various items were stolen and the thieves departed unseen.

Below is a list of the various dates and locations of the incidents: Oct. 3, the 400 block of Kains; Oct. 5, the 500 block of San Pablo Avenue and the 600 block of Kains Avenue; Oct. 6, the 1000 and 1100 blocks of Peralta, two on the 600 block of Kains Avenue, two on the 500 block of Pierce Street, one on the 500 block of Cornell Avenue; Oct. 9, the 900 block of Washington Avenue, the 600 block of Cornell Avenue, the 1000 block and the 400 block of Kains Avenue, the 400 block of Stannage Avenue; and Oct. 10 the 1200 block of Washington Avenue.

Police do not have any leads on these but are investigating.

- An Albany man was walking south on the 700 block of San Carlos Avenue when he smelled and saw smoke coming from his neighbor's residence on the afternoon of Oct. 2. He checked and found no one home and contacted the Albany Fire Department. Albany Firefighters responded and found that the man had already extinguished the stove fire. They cleared the house of smoke and made sure the fire was completely out. The man said he would contact his neighbor when

he returned.

- Officers responded to reports of a suspicious person on the 1000 block of Masonic Avenue at about 9 p.m. on Oct. 2 and found a woman setting out her sleeping bag and getting ready to bed down for the night. They advised her that city ordinances do not allow this type of activity and she agreed to move to a friend's house on Cornell Avenue.

- On the afternoon of Oct. 3 an Albany woman left her red Nishiki 10-speed bike unlocked in front of the Albany Post Office while she went inside. When she returned her bike was gone and there were no witnesses.

- A woman on the 800 block of Washington Avenue reported that sometime between 5 p.m. on Oct. 2 and 8 a.m. on Oct. 3 unknown vandals threw a rock through her living room window. There were no witnesses.

- Sometime between the evening of Sept. 29 and 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 3 unknown thieves stole several ferns that the teens had planted about a month ago in front of the Albany Teen Center. There were no witnesses.

- Unknown suspects used a time delay device to start a grass fire on the north side of Albany Hill and then departed unseen during the evening of Oct. 3. El Cerrito Fire Department responded and extinguished the fire. Officers noted that it was similar to a fire that the Albany Fire Department had extinguished in the same area on Sept. 21.

- A man has been arrested for the armed robbery at the Blockbuster Video at 11:50 on Sept. 28. He is currently in custody in Contra Costa County for 12 counts of armed robbery.

- A Berkeley man parked his 1979 Toyota S/W on Peralta Avenue near Solano Avenue at about 7:30 p.m. on Oct. 6 and when he returned at about 8:40 p.m. it was gone. There were no witnesses.

- On the afternoon of Oct. 4 a man on the 900 block of Peralta Avenue reported that lightning had struck a large Redwood tree in his backyard causing it to split open and fall into his neighbor's yard and roof. There were no injuries but the power lines to his house had fallen down.

- On the afternoon of Oct. 5 a woman on the 500 block of Kains Avenue reported that unknown vandals had slashed tires on two of her vehicles. There were no witnesses.

- On the morning of Oct. 6 unknown thieves broke into a bottom floor window of a residence on the 1000 block of Masonic Avenue, entered the house, stole several items and departed unseen.

- A 15-year-old Richmond teen allegedly stole three bottles of champagne and one bottle of liquor from the new Beverages & more! store on San Pablo Avenue on the afternoon of Oct. 6. The teen hid the items in his back pack and left the store. When confronted by the manager he attempted to run. He was detained and held for police who arrested him and released him to his

mother with a notice to appear.

- An unknown vandal used a 10 inch screwdriver to break into a bedroom window of a house on the 700 block of Johnson Street at about 3:30 a.m. on Oct. 7. The woman at the house saw the vandal and described him as a black male, 30 to 40-years-old, five feet ten inches tall, weighing 150 pounds with black hair, brown eyes wearing a black leather jacket.

- Two thieves shattered the front glass entrance to the Albany Tool Mart on San Pablo Avenue on the early morning of Oct. 7. Once inside they took numerous items and departed. They were described as 18 to 19-years-old and five feet ten inches tall. One was wearing a dark blue shirt and dark pants. The second suspect was described as wearing a white shirt with dark horizontal stripes. Police are investigating.

- Unknown thieves entered a residence on the 800 block of Adams Street at about 1:30 a.m. on Oct. 7 and stole the victim's purse while it was hanging on a chair near the door and departed unseen.

- A Berkeley man reported that his 94-year-old father, who is partially blind and uses a red and white cane, was missing and requested a search of the area at 10:30 p.m. on Oct. 7. Berkeley Police responded that they had found the man and he was alright.

- On the night of Oct. 7 a man living on the 1200 block of Solano Avenue was approached by a man who appeared to have a weapon in his right pocket and ordered him to

lie down. He was ordered to give up his wallet, which he did. The thief then fled on foot. He is described as a black male adult, 19 to 25-years-old, five feet six inches tall, weighing 190 pounds, with short black hair, brown eyes, clean shaven, wearing a dark blue or black hooded sweatshirt, and tan pants.

- At about 1:30 a.m. on Oct. 8 two men entered the Club Mallard on the 700 block of San Pablo Avenue, each brandishing a hand gun. One man hopped over the bar and took money from the register while the other man ordered everyone to the ground and took their wallets. They then departed in an unknown direction.

The first suspect was described as a black male, 20 to 30-years-old, five feet seven inches tall, weighing 185 pounds, with dark complexion, a goatee style beard, wearing a black T-shirt and black pants. The second suspect was described as a black male, 20 to 30-years-old, six feet two inches tall, weighing 225 pounds, with a mustache, wearing a black jacket and a green shirt. Fingerprints were obtained and police are investigating.

- An Albany man entered a store on the 1000 block of San Pablo Avenue on the afternoon of Oct. 8, stole three items off the rack, placed them inside his bag and left the store. He was found with the property and taken into custody.

- Albany officers found a 1989 Porsche, that had been reported stolen, parked on the 1500 block of Solano Avenue on the morning of

Oct. 18. The vehicle was

and the owner was notified. On the morning of Oct. 9 on the 700 block of Jackson reported that someone had placed a paper bag full of feces on his front porch. He was told that he always picks up his

feces. A 13-year-old Albany his unlocked 20" mountain bike was played with friends at the Lumber site" on the afternoon of Oct. 9. When he returned the bike was gone and there were no witnesses.

- A Concord woman that at about 8 p.m. on Oct. 10 a woman on a bike claimed had been hit by the Concord who was driving her car on the 700 block of San Pablo Avenue. The woman who claimed been hit only wanted money. She took the \$15 that the woman had. Officers believe the woman on the bike was using the pretense of an accident to obtain money. She is described as a white female adult, 18-years-old, five feet six inches tall, with brown hair and wearing a black sweatshirt.

During the week of Albany officers fingerprinted people at their request. The car, responded to 16 false animal attacks to three injured animals, assisted nine people were locked out of their homes responded to one complaint barking dog.

El Cerrito man beaten at Kragen auto; suspect flees on foot

By Dawn Frasier

EL CERRITO — An El Cerrito man was knocked to the ground and beaten in the Kragen parking lot at about 8:40 p.m. Sept. 27. The suspect demanded his car and keys but fled on foot without the vehicle.

- The manager of the Wherehouse was confronted outside the store on the morning of Aug. 27 by two male suspects who simulated a gun, forced him to unlock the business, and turn over cash to them. The cash was subsequently recovered.

- During the night of Sept. 16, two suspects smashed a vehicle window, removed and abused a dog

that was inside, then stole the dog. One suspect has been identified.

- At Seidell Chevron, two male suspects approached a Richmond woman from behind, grabbed her purse and fled with it. The incident occurred at 11:18 a.m. Oct. 4.

- A Richmond man was arrested for prowling in a residential sideyard in the 600 block of Elm Street at about 1 a.m. Sept. 25.

- Two male suspects approached an Albany High School student at Conlon Avenue and Cedar Street on the afternoon of Sept. 29 and asked him for cash. When the student said he didn't have any, they demanded his shoes and back pack.

- In another incident of residential arson, someone set a newspaper on fire, then placed it under the front yard bushes of a home in the 600 block of Kearney Street on the morning of Sept. 26.

- Locators Real Estate was burglarized during the night of Oct. 3. The thief smashed a window for entry and took a word processor.

- Two male suspects took cash from a register at Payless at about noon Sept. 29; a code was used for access.

- Two juvenile suspects, both Richmond youths, were arrested for residential burglary in the 1000 block of Everett Street on the morn-

ing of Sept. 22. They are accused of smashing a window for entry, then fleeing when the victim returned home.

- In other residential burglaries, someone entered a home in the 8600 block of Terrace Drive during the early morning hours of Sept. 23 and took jewelry, electronic and miscellaneous items. That night, a residence in the 6700 block of Glen Mawr Avenue was searched, with miscellaneous items taken. The next morning, miscellaneous items were taken from a garage in the 6500 block of Cutting Boulevard.

Windows were broken to enter homes in the 6400 block of Hagen

Boulevard during the night of Sept. 25 (nothing reported stolen) and the 600 block of Liberty the next day (miscellaneous items taken).

- A storage locker was burglarized in the 6000 block of El Dorado during the night of Sept. 29; the next day, electronic items were taken from a home in the 1600 block of Lexington Street.

- An identified man is suspected of grand theft in the removal of jewelry from a bedroom closet in the 1700 block of Liberty Street on the afternoon of Sept. 13.

- A would-be car thief smashed a vehicle steering column but abandoned the car when it became stuck.

The incident occurred in the block of San Pablo Avenue 5:17 a.m. Oct. 1.

- Ten vehicles were reported stolen: a 1978 Chevy van from the 5300 block of Potrero Avenue, Aug. 22 and 29, a 1981 Datsun from the 5300 block of Potrero Avenue during the night of Sept. 25, a 1985 Pontiac T-Bird from the 1700 block of Arlington Boulevard on the morning of Sept. 25, a Mazda RX-7 from San Pablo Avenue and Cutting during the time, Sept. 26 (recovered).

A 1979 Datsun pickup was found in the 5900 block of Fern Street.

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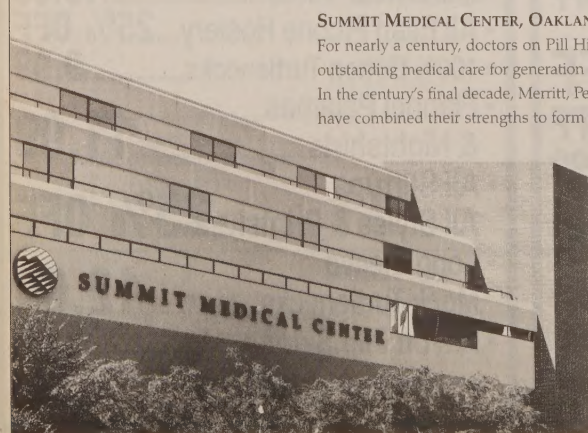
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Residents of Romana Avenue in Albany took the opportunity last week to look over emergency service vehicles.

El Cerrito earthquake preparedness fair to organize residents

The El Cerrito Fire Department is presenting their inaugural earthquake preparedness fair on Oct. 15 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The fair will be held at Fire Station 71, 10900 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito.

Residents of El Cerrito and surrounding communities are invited to the information and education event, which is designed to provide an increased level of awareness of actions to be taken before, during and after an earthquake.

Demonstrations and informational booths providing essential tips on household and neighborhood preparedness will be staffed by the El Cerrito Fire Department, Radio Amateur Civil

Emergency System (RACES), California Office of Emergency Services (OES), Home Depot, Earthquake Construction Service Inc., and the Earthquake Outlet.

Presentations will include:

- How to organize your neighborhood
- Disaster preparation in the home
- How to strengthen wood frame homes
- How to use fire extinguishers
- How to secure water heaters (Home Depot)
- How to secure utilities.

For information, call Capt. David Gibson at the El Cerrito Fire Department, 215-4450.

Albany neighborhood block party provides more than a good time

by Amy Berg

On Sunday, Oct. 2, neighbors from the 700 block of Ramona Avenue in Albany took to the street. With barriers set up at either end of the block to keep the street traffic-free for the day, backyard picnic tables and barbecues were set up at the center of the block.

"The purpose of the potluck block party was to get the neighborhood better acquainted and aware of the need to organize for emergency preparedness," said Elia Rozier, one of the two Ramona Avenue ALERT (Albany Local Emergency Response

Teams) Training Program team captains.

Neighborhood children played street hockey, rode bikes, and decorated the street and sidewalks with chalk drawings while the adults kept busy eating and chatting.

"It's wonderful to see an entire neighborhood share food and get to know more about each other," said Hugh Douglas, a Ramona Avenue resident. "Normally you know the people who live on either side of you, but this is a chance to get to know your neighbors who live at either end of the block."

Dave Simpson, Disaster Pre-

paredness Coordinator for the City of Albany, was on hand at the party, which was organized by current team co-captains Eliz Rozier and Susan Shaw, with the help of Shelly Fox Rinaldi, a former team captain and block organizer.

In addition to the food, fun, and games, Albany Fire Department paramedics and firefighters John Weitzel, Jay Jorgensen, Dustyn Wiggins, and Mike Blackwell answered questions and displayed one of the city's Mobile Intensive Care Units and the fire department's new state-of-the-art fire engine.

According to Dave Simpson, the 700 block of Ramona was one of the first blocks to organize in Albany.

Neighbors Shelly Fox Rinaldi and Mary Spence joined forces to bring the program to their street after encountering each other by chance at an ALERT training meeting. They held the block's first meeting in April 1992.

"It was really easy," said Fox Rinaldi. "For eight dollars we bought the manual at the training session. It explained how to organize the block, step by step."

About 50 percent of the 700 block's households are involved at some level and meetings have been held on a regular basis. Through guest speakers and demonstrations, and information and skills learned at city-sponsored classes, individual block members have worked together to set and accomplish many goals.

"All the gas meters have been mapped on a neighborhood chart and the valves marked for quick identification. Neighbors worked together to strap their water heaters, and we have compiled emergency data on all the residents," said Fox Rinaldi, citing some of the neighborhood's accomplishments.

In addition, food and emergency supplies have been pooled and divvied up, and recently a trauma kit was purchased for the entire block.

"Our future goals include continuing to organize subcommittees with assigned specific roles in basic response skills such as search and rescue and first aid, and continuing to become better trained in these areas through city-

sponsored safety classes," Fox Rinaldi said.

The ALERT program was first organized through volunteer effort following the Loma Prieta earthquake. In 1992 Dave Simpson began working part-time for the city to help coordinate the program. Recently Simpson's job became full-time, and the city now offers a complete training program that deals with essential emergency response skills.

Describing the city's recent push to increase disaster preparedness among its citizenry, Dave Simpson said the number of neighborhoods that have become involved in the ALERT program has grown from 35 to 115 just over the summer.

"Our goal is to have 100 percent of Albany's neighborhoods involved in the program by July 1995. The more we can make our neighborhoods self-sufficient, the better off the city will be," Simpson explained, sitting at one of the picnic tables with his black lab "Duke" along for the festivities.

"It will be you and your neighbors who will be first on the scene, conducting search and rescue and establishing first-aid sites. In the first 72 hours your neighbors will be dealing with minor injuries, basic first aid, food and water, and shelter issues. Throwing a block party is the best way to create a feeling of community and trust in a neighborhood. The last thing you'll want to do is introduce yourself to your neighbors after a disaster," concluded Simpson.

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- The Boy Scouts: The YMCA was one of the founding organizations.
- International exchange programs (forerunner to the Peace Corps).
- Residential Camping: Over a hundred years ago Sumner F. Dudley, a YMCA counselor, first took a group of boys on a camping trip in upstate New York.
- Residential housing (now offered in cities worldwide).
- Many social programs that help at-risk children; building strong kids, strong families and strong communities.

While the international YMCA movement celebrates 150 years of service, the Berkeley-Albany YMCA has been an important part of the local community for 91 years.

"A lot can change in 91 years," says Eli Cardenas, Executive Director of the Downtown Berkeley YMCA. "The Berkeley-Albany YMCA has responded to those changes by continuing to offer new programs and services for people throughout the community."



A circa-1920's physical fitness class goes through the paces (top) and today men and women work out on state-of-the-art cardio-vascular equipment at the Downtown Berkeley YMCA.

Although the YMCA began as a men's organization, today both men and women enjoy the fitness opportunities offered at the "Y". In fact, from working moms to college students to grandmothers, women now make up 55% of the Downtown Berkeley YMCA membership!

As the needs of the community grow, the "Y" continues to grow, too. On Thanksgiving morning, the Downtown Berkeley YMCA will open the doors of its new building next door to its current building at 2001 Allston Way. With a new seven-lane, 25-yard pool, a new gymnasium, and expanded childcare and locker areas, the new facility will enable the YMCA to continue to offer quality programs and services to families and individuals in the Berkeley and Albany communities.



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Regional parks celebrate 60th anniversary

By Carolyn Younger

More than a century and a half ago, sailors piloting tall-masted schooners through the tricky channels of San Francisco Bay used two towering redwoods rising hundreds of feet on the eastern horizon as navigational landmarks.

Although the legendary colossi fell under the woodsman's ax during a flurry of logging in the mid-1800s, their descendants remain in protected park land, thanks to the foresight of a 19th century landscape architect and the concerted efforts of his sons and thousands of East Bay residents.

Sixty years ago next month, the "wild dream" of a determined band of East Bay citizens became the reality that led to creation of the East Bay Regional Park District's core parks — Tilden, Temescal, Redwood and Round Top (renamed after park advocate and EBRPD president Robert Sibley).

"The people who formed the district 60 years ago were very courageous," said current EBRPD general manager, Pat O'Brien. "It was 1934, during extreme economic difficulties and the people voted for a tax to form the first regional park district. It was a very bold move."

What began on 2,163 acres of former watershed is now a 77,000-acre park system that covers two counties and extends from San Francisco Bay to Mt. Diablo and from the Carquinez Strait to the Ohlone Wilderness area at the southernmost tip of Alameda County.

"Throughout the park district's history, no matter what management or political format it has had, it has always taken advantage of opportunities — some of it pretty bold and there have been risks involved — and it has been remarkably successful," O'Brien said.

In keeping with the enthusiasm shown six decades ago, hundreds of volunteers annually pitch in to help district workers maintain the 1,100-mile network of trails. An energetic and outspoken citizens advisory committee, which keeps a watchful eye on park district doings, continues to shape district expansion.

Early preservation call

The ridgeland park concept grew out of the seed of an idea planted nearly 150 years ago by Frederick Law Olmsted, a landscape architect of note. His design credentials included New York's Central Park, and later, Oakland's Mountain View Cemetery. In his 1866 report on proposed improvements for the College of California campus (now UC-Berkeley), Olmsted recommended the preservation of "scenic lanes" across the Berkeley-Oakland hills.

The idea resurfaced again in 1906 when Oakland and Berkeley planners worried that rapid expansion would erase the natural resources of the areas. However, it took rumors of the possible sale to developers of thousands of acres of surplus land by the newly formed East Bay Municipal Utility District to galvanize park advocates into action.

Organizations led by Oakland and Berkeley civic leaders and UC notables were formed in 1928 to investigate the suitability of the land for parks. What followed was years of hard work, behind-the-scenes political maneuvering and an acrimonious campaign to prod the water district into giving



With few houses below it and undeveloped land above it, Lake Temescal was in a rural setting in 1934. The lake and other regional parks are preserved today because of the work of a dedicated group of forward-thinking people more than 60 years ago.

up its unused property.

Eventually an agreement was reached and, the middle of the depression, a legislative enabling act was passed by the state senate. This, coupled with spirited campaigning by the Committee of One Thousand and residents of seven East Bay cities — Contra Costa County had opted out of the district — resulted in overwhelming public approval of a regional park district and an accompanying tax to fund it.

Negotiations for transferring title from EBMUD to the park district were hampered, however, by the long-standing animosity between the park board chairman, Major Charles Lee Tilden and the water district president, George Pardee, a holdover from their student days at UC. At one point in the standoff, Tilden dipped into his personal funds to buy 60 acres in Redwood Canyon.

District comes to life

Finally, two years after its creation, the regional parks — Redwood, Round Top, Temescal and Tilden — were opened to great fanfare at dedication ceremonies in the open-air amphitheater at Redwood Bowl in Redwood Park.

Elbert Vail, first general manager of the district, worked closely with the Works Progress Administration and the Civilian Conservation Corps to construct early park roads — including

Skyline Boulevard — trails, buildings and picnic facilities, as well as Lake Anza and a golf course in Wildcat Canyon park, later renamed in Tilden's honor.

The new park district used its early guidelines the object set out in a 1930 park proposal financed by the Kahn Foundation set up by Oakland entrepreneur Irving and Fred Kahn, and prepared by Ansel Hall of the National Park Service and Olmsted's sons, also landscape architects.

The Olmsted-Hall survey discussed in detail the importance of park preservation, the purpose of a regional park, its scope, what the district should do and what it should avoid.

"There had been nothing like it," EBRPD general manager Pat O'Brien said. "They saw the value, need to preserve open space, to protect habitats and provide recreation areas. It's different today, maybe more complicated, but the basic values haven't changed."

Leaving their mark

In the early years the parks were run by a park board of seven park managers and several dozen workmen. Following World War II, with Richard Walpole as general manager, the district began to expand. Walpole, a dapper man with Hollywood good looks, was noted for his impromptu fire drills. He once set a blaze in a field at Tilden South Gate, call in the fire afterward, critique park workers' fire fighting efforts.

During Walpole's term, the district added Roberts Recreation Area, Grass Valley Park (later named Anthony Chabot Regional Park for the engineer who built Lake Chabot Dam) and installed a vintage carousel at Tilden Park. A miniature train modeled after an old narrow gauge steam engine, was added several years later.

Each subsequent board of general manager has left a

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Planning the future, remembering the past

distinctive stamp on the district, Jerry Kent, assistant general manager in charge of operations and interpretation. Kent joined the park district 32 years ago as a park workman in Redwood Park.

And with each new manager have come additional jewels in the regional park crown.

Fiery and imaginative William Mott, Jr., fresh from Oakland's parks department, was EBRPD general manager from 1962 to 1967 before going on to head the state's department of parks and recreation. Later Mott served as director of the National Parks Service.

During Mott's tenure the regional park district grew from 10,500 acres to 22,000 acres with 10 parks serving two counties.

Contra Costa County joined the district after a successful campaign for park development spearheaded by former UC president Clark Kerr, his wife, Mary, and Robert Kahn (son and nephew of the Kahn Foundation founders). The move broadened the district's tax base and allowed further acquisition.

It was an era that saw the beginnings of the district's shoreline parks system as well as increased recreational areas and acquisition of Briones and Las Campas Regional Wilderness, Lake Chabot, Camp Ohlone and Sausalito Island.

"Bill basically had a much bigger dream than the district at that point, because then it was just a few original cities," Kent said. "Bill was a very exciting person. You'd go out into a park with him and you'd actually be waving your arms, making design decisions and operating decisions. He would actually expect to get it done that month. You didn't have master plans and EIRs and public meetings. In those days planning was pretty much on the spot."

"They were exciting times," Kent added, "but also a very poor time in the district's history. There wasn't much money, but Bill was a born fighter and he never turned down a good fight. If he managed to lose a few it didn't bother him, he just kept fighting."

When Richard Trudeau stepped in as general manager in 1969 he and the park board came embroiled in a widely publicized tug-of-war with a consulting company planning to survey a 1,200-foot ridge adjacent to Sausal Regional Wilderness. After a long, contentious battle, the company's permit was denied by the county.

"That was a scary time, it was very heated," Trudeau recalled. "We had lost, we would have lost our clout. Winning that battle made a difference with develop-

ment. Fifteen years later, when a potential owner proposed to mine the area, the district was able to block a successful and lucra-

tive compromise.

The initial skirmish however, underscored the need for a comprehensive master plan, Trudeau said.

Looking to the future

In an unprecedented tour de force, an 83-member Citizens Task Force led by former Alameda County supervisor Joe Bort, was set up to explore potential park sites in two counties. This group and a 60-member Public Agency Advisory Committee, working as a liaison with city and county agencies, crafted the 1973 park master plan. Revised in 1980 and 1989, the plan is currently going through another update.

Out of the two planning groups came the Park Advisory Committee, an organization that continues to act as a balance between the board and management.

With the new decade came the development of shoreline parks, equestrian trails and interpretive centers. Alameda Creek Regional Trail, designed to provide an interurban park corridor throughout the East Bay, was opened in 1970.

"I always feel that the greatest thing we did was look to the future and provide money for acquisition," said former park board member Harlan Kessel. "Had that not been done we would be like most park systems, without funds. Instead, we are one of the few in the country that has money...it's a tribute to the people of Alameda County and Contra Costa counties."

For a "brief glorious period in the '70s we had money for parklands acquisition," Trudeau said. "We put money away."

"After all our years there, Hulet (Hornbeck, district chief of land acquisition) and I used to say, we never had any scandals," Trudeau added. "We had trials and tribulations — we went from 12,000 acres to 60,000 in our land program in 17 years, and from 12 parks to 44."

"We were involved in a lot of negotiations, Point Pinole (purchased bit by bit over a six-year period) wasn't the only tough one, and there is a story for each one. I learned that you work through others, that you don't ever solve anything or ever accomplish anything by yourself. You accomplish it through other people, through public support."

During its six decades, the park district has developed a top notch wildland fire suppression force, weathered a two month employee strike and is finding a middle ground in ongoing debates over urban versus suburban acquisition.

The district faces significant challenges, however, as general manager O'Brien and the board look ahead to the next 60 years, O'Brien said.

"The topography of the Bay Area is spectacular and people

'They saw the value, need to preserve open space, to protect habitats and provide recreation areas. It's no different today, maybe more complicated, but the basic issues and values haven't changed.'

—PAT O'BRIEN, EBRPD GENERAL MANAGER



The executive committee at the regional parks opening ceremony: Wm. J. Milliken, assistant comptroller, St. Mary's; Rhyd D. Davies, Regional Park District; Wm. Paden, Superintendent of Schools, Alameda; Harry Healy, comptroller, Mills College; Dr. John West, Superintendent of Schools, Albany; Wm. Ewing, Chairman, Assistant Superintendent of Schools, Oakland; J.R. Sutton, principal of San Leandro High School; Otis E. Wilson, Superintendent of Schools, Emeryville; Dr. Virgil Dickson, Superintendent of Schools, Berkeley; Elbert M. Vall, district manager, Regional Parks.



Above: The site of what is now Tilden Park's Little Farm. Left: This Depression-era CCC camp later became part of Tilden Park.



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■ MARTIN SNAPP

The Name Of The Rose: Pssst! Wanna buy a used confessional booth?

You can have one for a song (and I don't mean "Ave Maria"). The confessionals are left over from the beautiful old Sacred Heart Church, which graced the corner of 40th and Martin Luther King from 1902 until last year, when it had to be torn down because of damage from the Loma Prieta Earthquake.

The confessionals are both two-door or three-door models. The price: \$1,000 per booth.

And each one comes with an authentic hand-lettered sign scotch-taped to the inside of the door, reading, "Please leave door open for next penitent."

But wait! There's more! For a mere two grand, you can also buy one of the church's 10-foot-high stained glass windows. You can choose between St. Anthony, St. Clement, St. Ignatius Loyola (looks just like him, too — bald head and all), and the Sacred Heart.

They're also selling pews, too — \$300 bucks a pop. (Kneeling rails added at no extra cost.)

All the proceeds will go to the very best of causes — the building of a new church. "It won't be as big," says Sister Shirley Sexton, the pastoral assistant. "And it won't be in the same style. The old church was a Romanesque brick building. The new one will be Spanish Missionary, with modern earthquake reinforcement. Until it's built, we're saying Mass in the Sacred Heart Parish cafeteria."

If you're interested in any of these items — or if you just want to make a contribution to the church building fund — call Sister Shirley at 655-9209.

By the way, it's just bad luck that the old church got hit by an earthquake. If it had been fire, it would have been a different story.

You see, the founder of the Sisters of the Holy Names (the order that lives in the convent at Sacred Heart Parish) was Mother Marie Rose. And she has a long track record when it comes to fires.

Ever since her death in 1849, fire victims have been praying for her help. And she always comes through.

Take the Oakland Hills firestorm. One of the hottest spots was the Montclair area around Holy Names High School. It seemed only a matter of minutes before the flames would consume everything in sight.

But then Sister Noel Gerard went door-to-door, distributing pictures of Mother Rose and urging her neighbors to pray for Mother Rose's intercession. They did. And the neighborhood was saved.

A few years after that, when my career at the Oakland Tribune was going down in flames, Sister Noel promised to light a candle to Mother Rose for me. Two weeks later, I got hired by this paper. And I'm not even Catholic!

By the way, Mother Rose's original name was Eulalie Durocher — thus disproving the famous dictum of her namesake, Leo "The Lip" Durocher: "Nice guys finish last."

Better Beans In Berkeley: It's official: Peet's makes the best coffee in the country.

Now, this comes as no news to us longtime Peet's addicts. But guess who's saying it now? Consumers' Reports, no less.

The cover story of the current issue rates coffees, and Peet's Colombian is listed as No. 1. (Heck, Peet's decaf comes in at No. 5, beating out lots of caffeinated brands.)

By the way, you won't be seeing this in any of Peet's ads, because Consumers' Reports will sue anyone who uses its ratings for commercial purposes. But that doesn't stop me, because I'm not a Peet's employee.

Consumers' Reports thinks the Colombian is good, wait 'til they try the Decaf Mocha Java or the Major Dickason's Blend.

White Tie And Tails: Two tips for this weekend: One silly, one serious.

First, the serious: The Oakland SPCA will hold its fall Used Book Sale this weekend. It's a great excuse to check out the SPCA's new state-of-the-art headquarters (complete with play areas where you can hang out with a kitten or puppy while you're deciding if it's the one for you). The address: 8323 Baldwin Street, off Hegenberger Road, right next door to Pak-n-Save.

And now the silly: The San Francisco Cacophony Society will conduct a guided tour of the Oakland sewer system this Sunday. And get this: Formal dress is required — at least, from the waist up. From the waist down, they suggest wearing something you don't mind trashing.

In addition, you must bring:

1. A flashlight
2. Water (in unbreakable container)
3. Money for beer and pizza later
4. I.D.
5. A change of socks and shoes.

Meet at the southeast corner of the Rockridge BART station parking lot at 4 p.m. And, say the organizers, "Please plan to go with the flow and stay until the end, since bailing out in midstream will be impossible."

You read all the dirt here first, folks.

Martin Snapp's column appears every Thursday in *The Journal*. Phone Martin at 273-9543. Or E-mail him at Snapp@BMUG.org. AOL address: CATMAN 666.

■ El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce

Local businesses welcomed to chamber

The El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce is welcoming to membership World Slots, located at 6317 Fairmount Ave., El Cerrito. Kent Ochs, owner, is featuring vintage slot machines of all denominations for sale in this new venture. Also new to the chamber is Tom Clemes of Miracle Auto Painting, located at 5327 Jacuzzi St., offering auto painting along with body repair, and Adam Tolou-Shams, E.A., Ph.D., at Kerr's Tax Service at 11818 San Pablo Ave., featuring tax return preparation.

The Oct. 24 business luncheon meeting will feature more information on the upcoming redevelopment amendment to be voted on in November with a representative from El Cerrito's Future and George Amburg, a former member of the Redevelopment Citizens Advisory Committee, offering information on both sides of this issue. Members and guests should call 233-7040 by Oct. 21 to make reservations for this noon luncheon at the Cerrito City Club.

Members and guests are also invited to the Oct. 19 Membership Mixer to be hosted by J.R. Muggs at Del Norte Place, 5:30 to 7 p.m. The mixers offer the opportunity of becoming better acquainted with one another, to share ideas of interest, make contacts for business and to enjoy.

A reminder, too, that tickets are now available for the "Italian Fun-Feast IV," the chamber's benefit spaghetti and meatball feed, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m., Oct. 26, at the Masonic Center, 6922 Stockton Ave. Tickets, at \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 12 years and under, by calling 233-7040. The evening will also feature a door prize and opportunity drawing. Proceeds will benefit the chamber's operations fund.

Be sure to take advantage of the many excellent sales offered in this week's Fall Round-Up tabloid in today's *Journal*. Note that 16 merchants are offering an opportunity to Scratch, Match and Win! Pick up your

scratch-off cards at Stand-Up Comics; World Slots; The Petfood Store; Mira Vista Tire and Brake; Kiefer Furniture; El Cerrito Lighting; Full Circle Travel; Uncle Wong's Restaurant; Abbey Carpet; Dream World Flowers; Tradeway Stores; McPhee's Bootery; Past-Time Hardware; Travallini Interiors; El Cerrito Mill and Lumber; and Abbey Pet Hospital.

Not many Bay Area businesses offer everyone a birthday present — but Kay and James Chung, new members of the El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce, are prepared to do so.

The couple, owners and operators of Fairmount Cleaners at 7533 Fairmount Ave., will give a special "happy birthday discount" to anyone who brings in clothes to be dry cleaned on the date of their birth.

This is just one of the little "extras" offered by the Chungs, who moved their business to El Cerrito almost a year ago after operating a similar establishment in San Francisco for four years.

Customers who bring in shirts to be cleaned have them expertly laundered and get them back with all missing buttons replaced and neatly ironed.

In addition, Fairmount Cleaners specializes in the delicate task of working on suede, leather and wedding gowns.

Not only does the firm offer laundry and dry cleaning on a three-day basis — with one-day service on request — it also specializes in drapery cleaning.

Future plans call for the start of a new wash-and-fold program. Another feature at Fairmount Cleaners is an expert alteration service, which offers repairs of all kinds done right on the premises.

The Chungs, who now make their home in San Pablo, report that their business will be open from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. Monday through Friday and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturdays.

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Trees

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the count. Preliminary results of the inventory reveal that many of Albany's estimated 5,000 street trees are unhealthy in one way or another, Pehoushek said. Some are splitting and breaking, have been hit by cars or injured by wind and rain.

Predominant tree types in town are the camphor and tristania laurina, or box tree. The camphor is not on the city's list of trees approved for planting, but another

common Albany tree, the Bradford pear, is on the list.

"The Bradford pear is particularly prone to splitting. After the final inventory report is in, we may want to recommend that the list of approved trees be reevaluated. It may be time to take some trees off the list and suggest replacements," Pehoushek said.

The tree inventory, evaluation of trees and potential tree locations, and forestry management program was carried out by Urban Forestry Consultants of El Sobrante. The \$14,825 cost was included in a 1994-5

Cemetery

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from someone's backyard — where a family might be barbecuing, for example, or dogs might be barking.

"I think it has to do with appropriateness and respect for those burying their loved ones."

Another problem for neighbors, she said, was that there was "basically no communication from the cemetery" as to what its plans were.

According to cemetery corporation president Michael Klinger, however, part of the problem might have been that the cemetery just didn't expect the kind of reaction it received.

"The concerns came as a surprise," he said. "By doing this project, our intention (was) to serve El Cerrito and the adjoining community longer." The new burial plan, he said, should extend the cemetery's available burial space another 10 years. Otherwise, he estimated, Sunset View might run out of space in 20 to 25 years.

One neighborhood concern raised has to do with the possibility that slides might be encouraged by the large

excavation and slope stability threatened. According to Klinger, however, the project is actually meant to be a safer method of hillside burial in those terms.

"This is a superior method," he said. "It's our first (project) but the method has been used by other cemeteries for 30 years. It provides much better drainage; what we've done should benefit the neighborhood."

Klinger said the excavation is seven feet deep. Vaults will be placed on the ground on top of six inches of drain rock. They'll be surrounded with gravel; two feet of top soil will cover them. Everything was done according to specifications laid out by a soils engineer who studied the site, he said.

As for the close proximity to neighbors, he said, "our plan includes ample screening for burial privacy." He has no doubts about the legality of the cemetery's plans.

"The cemetery has been here since 1908," he said. "We bought that property in 1943, (including) the six-acre parcel at the northwest part of the cemetery (where the excavation is located). The zoning was established

Landscape and Lighting District budget also develop a street tree master plan.

The master plan will be used as a basis for available federal and state grants for additional planting as well as securing environmental monies from Caltrans included in the 1994 freeway agreement.

The final street tree inventory report is expected to come before the city council in mid-November, Pehoushek said.

by ordinance in 1975. We believe our use of the cemetery predates that."

There has been a suggestion that the neighborhood go to mediation on the issue.

"We'd like to work it out," said Klinger. "We're running out of space." After the issuance of a rare restraining order on construction in the preliminary injunction was issued last week, the cemetery from burying anyone within the property line for the existing excavation.

"It's our belief that this is just the first phases in cemetery development," said Klinger.

"Of course we all knew there was a cemetery when we bought our homes," she said. "The question of privacy and screening. There's a stand of redwood trees at one point on the property. Will those be saved? What will happen to trees planted along our own property excavation is 15 inches away?"

"It's in all of our interest — those of us who own property here — to (pay attention) to this issue."

Low cost mammograms available in West County

West County women won't have to travel far for this lifesaving bargain in health care.

From Oct. 24-28, the American Cancer Society will hold their annual Smart Woman Mammography Screening Project. This unique program offers West County women a voucher good for a reduced-cost mammogram of \$65 at participating hospitals and radiology facilities in Contra Costa County. This compares to the average cost of a mammogram in the Bay Area between \$100 and \$200.

West County women 40 and older, with no history of breast cancer and free of breast cancer symptoms, are encouraged to participate. Last year, 492 women from throughout Contra Costa County participated in the Smart Woman Project.

According to Cindi Bedell, R.N., chairperson of this year's efforts for the American Cancer Society, the importance the Smart Woman Project and the early detection of breast cancer through mammography can not be overemphasized.

"Early detection is the single most important factor in preventing deaths from breast cancer," said "And the American Cancer Society's Smart Woman Project not only offers women reduced-cost mammograms, it also educates women about the benefits of mammography as part of routine health care — particularly for women over 40."

For information on how to obtain a voucher for a reduced-cost mammogram, call the Smart Woman Hotline (between Oct. 24-28 only) at 525-3333.

Alternative music scene flourishing in Albany

Teen center opens its doors to aspiring local musicians

By Phyllis Lyon

ALBANY — Ear plugs were a necessity for everyone but the forty or more teens who gathered last Friday at the Albany Teen Center to hear aspiring punk idols crank up the decibels.

"We're giving local musicians the opportunity to be heard and build a following," Albany Youth Program Coordinator Jocelyn Danchick said of the six-month music program sponsored by the Recreation and Community Services Department.

Bands who win plaudits at the Friday night "open rehearsal" could go on to book gigs at the Village Community Center, local clubs and even gain fame and fortune in the big time, according to Danchick.

Players from Albany High, El Cerrito and Richmond suited up in t-shirts bearing tributes to the current punk rage, Rancid, and the daddies of punk, Pink Floyd, adjusted a bank of electronic machinery at length and let rip window-shattering noise only an adolescent could love.

The three bands scheduled to perform before the Teen Center doors closed at 11 p.m. were Strikt 9, Universal Smile and Mr. Slave Unit.

Although not always discernible to the untrained ear, the bands each have their own style, according to punk aficionados.

Strikt 9 spokesman, vocalist and lead guitarist Dory Ben Shalom described his group as "grub rock," also noting that "grub" is a "passé." Other members of Strikt are bassist Smith, bass guitar, and backup vocalist Ray Velasco.

"Strikt is too pathetic to get out of the house," Shalom said modestly.

Members of Universal Smile, whose object was said to be "barbecue love," include lead guitarist Tilden Yamamoto, lead guitarist, Brian lead vocalist and rhythm, Ryan Adams, drums, and Erin McCluskey, the lone girl in the band, on bass.

Mr. Slave Unit, whose members include themselves as Jeff (vocalist), Matt (bass), Adam (bass) and Joey (drums), are the authors of "kick punk," they say.

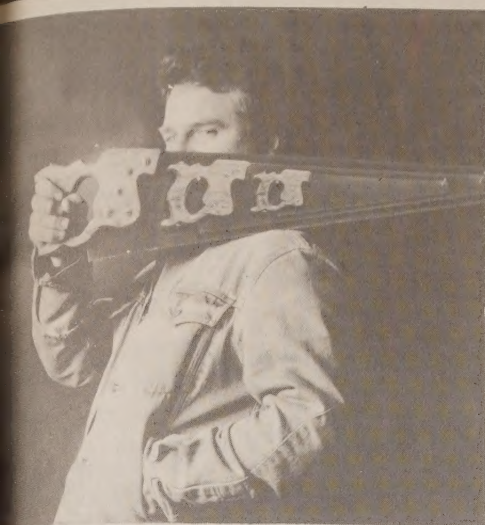
While the purpose of the ribald sound may have been a mystery to the lurkers on the fringes of the Teen Center, the bands had a perfectly reasonable explanation.

"We're here to have fun, have a good time," they said, and they certainly appear to be doing that.



Albany High School student Erin McCluskey

East Bay Events This Week



Kim Harrington's 'Rico Solinas,' part of the Emeryville Art Exhibition, open through Oct. 30.

83 Emeryville artists in annual exhibit

The eighth annual **Emeryville Art Exhibition** opened last week. The show, which runs through Oct. 30, includes the work of 83 artists living or working in Emeryville. The location is 1450 64th St. west off Hollis Street, five blocks north of Powell Street), Emeryville. Hours are 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily. Call 652-6122 for details.

Nancy Karp and Dancers perform at the show at 2 p.m. the next three Sundays (Oct. 16, 23, 30).

New Oakland opera company presents free afternoon of opera favorites

Opera has had a rocky time financially in Oakland, with two companies biting the dust in the past few years. A new one, the **Oakland Lyric Opera**, introduces itself and its ambitious inaugural season with a free concert Sunday at 2 p.m. in the ballroom of the Scottish Rite Center, 1447 Lakeside Drive, Oakland. A variety of local businesses have donated food, and artists scheduled to appear this season will perform, as will guests from the San Francisco Opera. Call 531-2111 to reserve a spot.

The season continues Dec. 16 with *Menotti's Amahl and Night Visitors*; Feb. 14 with a suite of excerpts from *La Traviata*, *Carmen*, *La Traviata*, and April 28 to 30 with *My Lady*. To buy a season ticket, call 531-4989.

Madness on Madrona Drive' opens

The **Contra Costa Civic Theatre** opens its season tomorrow with *Madness on Madrona Drive*, a farce written and directed by CCCT artistic director **Louis Flynn**. A precursor to films like *Home Alone* in which villains meet their match, the play is about an upscale home taken by gangsters. It stars **Ann Homrighausen**. Shows are Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. and Sundays (except this Sunday) at 2 p.m. through Nov. 19, at CCCT, 951 Pomona Ave., El Cerrito. Tickets \$6 to \$10. Call 524-9132 for reservations or season tickets. (The next shows are *The Nerd*, *Meet Me in St. Louis* and *No, No, Nanette*.)

Chapella antics in school benefit

The **Bobs** perform at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Kimball's East in a benefit for the Berkeley School Music Fund. The fund is trying to retain music instruction in Berkeley's public elementary schools in the face of budget deficits. The Bobs "mix equal parts inventive arrangements, irony and vocal mastery." They will perform material from their recent Rounder release *Cover the Songs Of...*, including "Bird on a Tree" and "Disco Inferno." Tickets are \$15, available at Kimball's, 5800 Shellmound Ave., Emeryville; phone 658-2555.



Bobs perform Monday at Kimball's East in a benefit for the Berkeley School Music Fund. The fund is trying to retain music instruction in Berkeley's public schools.

More events

Re-issued Salas novel looks at the '60s Haight

■ **Floyd Salas' 1969 novel has plenty to say to the 1990s.**

WHAT NOW MY LOVE by Floyd Salas (Arte Publico Press, \$9.95)

By Barbara L. Sloane

Last year Floyd Salas gained critical acclaim for *Buffalo Nickel*, his vivid account of a young boy's coming of age in a tough Oakland environment.

Arte Publico Press has responded to the recognition of the Berkeley author's talent by reissuing *What Now My Love*. This novel, previously published by Grove Press in 1969, recalls the disturbing days in the late '60s when the good times of the Haight-Ashbury drug culture turned bad.

Books

Taking his title from the Herb Alpert tune, big in that period, Salas weaves a tale of Miles, Carole and Sam, three hippies on the run following a drug bust.

Miles is the paranoid narrator of the action-packed dash from San Francisco to Tijuana. Miles, a teacher of creative writing at a private college, is also a former felon, who has had his marijuana conviction wiped off the record after finishing four years of probation.

With previous experience running from the law, he is the resigned but worried chauffeur for Carole and Sam.

Miles' lure is Carole. Young, sexy, blonde and self-centered, she is the one who insists on stopping at the Haight-Ashbury apartment to buy acid from her former boyfriend, Sam.



Above and below the surface of the sea

'Emperor penguins, Antarctica, c. 1989' is one of the stunning photographs in 'To See the Sea: The Underwater Vision of Al Giddings,' at the Oakland Museum through Jan. 8. The exhibit includes marine photography, objects of undersea technology, videos and interactive exhibits. It is located in the museum's Hall of California Ecology. Giddings may be best known for his cinematography in the feature films 'The Abyss' and 'The Deep.' The museum is at 1000 Oak St., Oakland. Its hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Wednesday to Saturday; noon to 7 p.m. Sunday. For more details, call 238-3402.

Sam becomes the third member of the runaway group when narcotics agents raid the apartment, and he must throw in his chances with Miles and Carole.

Throughout, *What Now My Love* recalls another time. If it were a movie, there would be an R rating for sex, violence and language. Twenty-five years ago Grove Press would have been its most likely publisher.

And yet this is a timely novel, as the media reminds us daily that there is an ongoing drug war with the police still pursuing those who break the laws against manufacturing and selling drugs.

Salas' book brings us a picture of that war from the viewpoint of the pursued, and the picture he paints is not an appealing one. As a reviewer in the *New York Times* reported, "This is a 100-proof recipe for disaster, and the author follows it with excellent timing."

Salas is indeed skilled at drawing the reader into the suspense of those in flight. The sense of impending doom hovers over the little green MG in which the trio heads south for Mexico, where

the long-expected freedom turns into more nightmarish encounters with authorities.

Salas takes his three characters through an escape over rooftops in the Haight, a police grilling in San Jose, bribery demands in Tijuana and a spectacular auto wreck, followed by a vividly described fight between Miles and five Mexicans.

By the end of the second chapter, the book's inevitable tragic ending has been foreshadowed by Miles during the drive through South San Francisco.

"I could feel my weight sagging down in the bucket seat, the hump of my back against the backrest, the edge of the seat under my knees, the tongue of the gas pedal under the ball of my right foot, the hum of the gearshift in my right hand, the rasp of the tires on the bad freeway paving, the vibrations of the car's body in the steering wheel, and got so depressed by the flat, dreary land around me with its wire-linked fences, back walls of factory buildings, motel and rat exterminator signs, drive-in theaters with names on marquees I

never bothered to read that all I could see up ahead where the freeway faded into blackness was a bleak, bleak future for me."

Such detailed descriptive passages abound in *What Now My Love*. The sex scene at the conclusion of chapter four is about as graphic as any in print. Unfortunately the vivid descriptive paragraphs are often preceded or followed by others of polemic in which Miles awkwardly expounds his beliefs about friendship, loyalty and integrity.

Some other inconsistencies are bothersome. Initially Miles tells us he had hitchhiked 30 miles to see Carole, but when they go to her apartment, his car is parked in front. And Miles, the college writing teacher, has a grammatical problem with pronouns: "...Me and Carole went on through..." "...forced people like Sam and Carole and I..."

These are minor annoyances in a book that reveals a world unknown to most of us. In creating a sense of entrapment for the characters in that world, Floyd Salas has succeeded brilliantly in *What Now My Love*.

Workshops for writers at local libraries

In October and November, 72 aspiring Bay Area writers in three libraries will receive free professional feedback from 12 published writers as part of the Writers in the Library Project, a program of the Bay Area Writers Workshop (BAWW) and Poetry Flash.

Libraries in Berkeley (Claremont Branch, Oct. 29), San Francisco (Noe Valley Branch, Nov. 12), and Oakland (Main Branch, Nov. 19) will host four or five established authors who will offer private, half-hour tutorials to aspiring writers chosen by lottery.

Among the established authors will be novelist Barry Gifford, author of *Wild at Heart*; Tom Jenks, author of *Our Happiness* and coeditor (with Raymond Carver) of *American Short Story Masterpieces*; poets Anne Waldman and Andrew Schelling, co-chairs at the Jack Kerouac School of Disembodied Poetics; Carol Edgarian, acclaimed author of *Rise the Euphrates*; and Fenton Johnson, whose *Scissors, Paper, Rock* was nominated for several awards, including the Bay Area Book Reviewers Fiction Award and the Gay/Lesbian Book Award.

Other writers include poet Jane Hirshfield, novelist Jewelle Gomez, poet and non-fiction writer Jerome Washington, NEA fellowship winner and poet Kim Addonizio, poet Rafael Campo, and poet and fiction writer Opal

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Harold Paris exhibit at the Magnes

■ **The exhibit ranges from room-size installations to works in vacu-form plastic.**

Innovation and experimentation, flamboyance and vision — the work of Harold Paris is a model for artists today.

"Breaking the Mold: Harold Paris's Legacy of Innovation," on view Oct. 16 through Jan. 22 at the Magnes Museum in Berkeley, highlights this artist's vibrant oeuvre and Jewish spirit.

Art

From his prints of the 1940s and bronze sculptures of the 1950s and 1960s, to his later experimentation with vacu-form plastics, handmade papers, silicone Souls, installations and "happenings," Paris's exuberant creativity helped to redefine the boundaries of art.

An outstanding feature of the exhibition is Paris's environmental sculpture "Kaddish for the Little Children."

Being shown for the first time on the West Coast, and only for the second time anywhere, this installation movingly evokes the tragedy of the Holocaust.

Jewish themes also inspire Paris's "Wall for Mem." while the Buchenwald prints express his experience when, an illustrator for the U.S. armed forces' newspaper *Stars and Stripes*, he accompanied troops liberating the Buchenwald death camp.



A detail from Harold Paris' installation 'Kaddish for the Little Children' from its only previous showing, in 1975-77 at the Jewish Museum in New York. The room-size installation receives its second showing at the Magnes Museum beginning Sunday.

Born in New York in 1925, Paris studied art in New York and Europe, beginning as a printmaker and later switching to sculpture.

He began teaching bronzecasting at the University of California in 1960 and for 20 years was part of its art department's innovative sculpture faculty.

He died in 1979.

This exhibition is supported in part by grants from the Alameda

County Art Commission and from the Art and Culture Council of the Magnes Museum.

The Judah L. Magnes Museum, the Jewish Museum of the West, is at 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. It is open from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sundays through Thursdays, closed Jewish and federal holidays. Its phone is 849-2710.

The Magnes Museum is a beneficiary of the Jacques and Esther Reutlinger Foundation and Bay Area Federations.

East Bay Events continued



Dolls 'symbolizing personal journeys' are displayed in the 14th annual Way of the Doll exhibit, which opens Saturday at the Powell Street Lofts, 1250 Powell St., Emeryville. The dolls were created by people who used the process to 'bring healing to their lives.' Admission is \$5. Hours are 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday to Friday; 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekends; through Nov. 6. Call 273-9027 for details.

Hellman's 'Children's Hour' at Mills

The Mills College Theatre presents Lillian Hellman's *The Children's Hour* beginning Friday. The play, directed by Gemma Whelan, "explores the relationship between individual and community and illustrates the effect of malice and lies upon the innocent and unjust." It is based on an actual court case in which the headmistresses of a girl's school were falsely accused of lesbianism.

Performances are at 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday this week and next (Oct. 14, 15, 21, 22), and at 2 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 23, at Lissner Hall at Mills, 5000 MacArthur Blvd., Oakland. Tickets are \$5 to \$7. Call 430-3308 for reservations.

'Merchant of Venice' at La Val's

The Shotgun Players present Shakespeare's *The Merchant of Venice* beginning Saturday at La Val's Subterranean Theatre, 1834 Euclid Ave., Berkeley. Patrick Dooley directs the production, which plays at 8 p.m. Thursdays through Sundays through Nov. 17. The tiny theater is below La Val's pizzeria, and you can come at 7 p.m. and eat dinner in the theater (as well as during the play). Tickets are \$6 to \$8. Call 540-7743 for reservations.

Opera by an 11-year-old Mozart

You thought Mozart didn't start composing operas until he was 12 (with *Bastien et Bastienne*)? Guess again. The UC-Berkeley department of music presents his *Apollo et Hyacinthus*, composed at age 11.

The remaining performances, directed by John Bailey, are at 8 p.m. tomorrow and Saturday and at 3 p.m. Sunday at St. Clement's Episcopal Church, 2837 Claremont Blvd., Berkeley.

All performances are free.
Call 642-4864 for more details.

Jeff Linsky and Seward McCain at the Maybeck

Guitarist Jeff Linsky and bassist Seward McCain join forces Sunday at 4 p.m. at the Maybeck Recital Hall.

"Linsky's technical command and sensitivity create beautiful, expressive guitar playing which intertwines jazz, classical, Brazilian and his own originals.

"Seward is one of the great bass players."

The Maybeck is at 1537 Euclid Ave., Berkeley. Admission is \$20. Call 848-3228 for reservations, which are necessary in this tiny but exquisite venue.



Jeff Linsky

Prometheus Symphony opens season

The Prometheus Symphony opens its season Sunday with Hindemith's *Concerto for Bassoon, Trumpet and Strings* (Cynthia Behnke is bassoon soloist; Ronald Cohen trumpet soloist); the overture to Weber's *die Freischütz* and Brahms' *Symphony No. 3*.

Music director George Thomson directs the concert, at 3 p.m. Sunday at the John Muir School auditorium, 2955 Claremont Ave. (near Ashby), Berkeley.

Admission is free. Call 547-8795 for more details.

The Prometheus Symphony is a volunteer group that rehearses weekly at Merritt College and welcomes new members.

Traveling Jewish Theatre in Berkeley

Berkeley Hillel presents *A Traveling Jewish Theatre* in a single performance of *The Fatherless Sky*, starring Albert Greenberg, who also performs his own original score.

The piece "follows one man's search for himself through a kaleidoscope of identities, from the streets of Chicago to the Middle East, and from the realm of angels to the world of fathers and sons."

The performance is at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at Berkeley Hillel, located in the Reutlinger Center, 2736 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Admission is \$5 to \$10. Call 399-1809 for reservations.

Summit of young pianists at Yoshi's

BlueVision showcases four young jazz pianists next Tuesday. The "Young Pianist Summit" features Graham Connah (of the Graham Connah Group), Fred Harris (of the group Ohnedaruth), Matt Goodheart (of the Glenn Spearman Group) and Stefano Derezaga (of Jazz On The Line).

They will be joined by bassist Miles Perkins (of Mingus Amungus) and drummer Scott Amendola (with the James T. Kirk group).

The sets will include solo piano, piano-and-bass duo, piano trio and, with guest soloists, brass and woodwinds, four- and five-piece ensembles.

The Young Pianist Summit is at both 8 p.m. and 10 p.m. Tuesday at Yoshi's Nitespot, 6030 Claremont Ave., Oakland. Tickets are \$6. Call 652-9200 for details.



Tim Robbins, left, and Morgan Freeman play inmates who struggle to find hope in prison, in 'The Shawshank Redemption.'

Prison film is a journey from dark to light

■ *'The Shawshank Redemption'* is a remarkable look at the sources of hope.

By Basil De Pinto

There are some flaws in *The Shawshank Redemption*, events and situations that offend the laws of probability, but you may not notice them until you leave the theater and your critical instincts pop up, annoyingly, to nudge aside the emotional high this movie elicits.

dirty work is efficiently carried out by Hadley (Clancy Brown), the captain of the prison police.

Red is at first mystified by the cool, impassive Andy, but he slowly recognizes the cauldron of emotion beneath the surface of the cultivated ex-banker. Andy claims he is innocent, and Red wryly remarks that so does everybody else in this place.

The film asks whether boundless hope can be justified or whether it's a cruel fantasy.

But Andy's insistence goes beyond the ordinary denial and self-justification of the embittered convict. When another prisoner, Tommy (Gil Bellows), turns up who can lend some plausibility to Andy's claim, he is brutally murdered at the warden's behest.

This is the crucial turning point for Andy. He has maintained that he will never give up the fight to prove his innocence, and Red has tried to dissuade him from the delusion of being redeemed and set free.

Tommy's murder seems to quench the last spark of hope, and Red watches Andy descend into what seems to be a bottomless pit of despair. The movie's central question now becomes whether or not the redemption is possible, and if so what form it might take.

Frank Darabont wrote the script from a novella by — surprise — Stephen King. Some of it having to do with prison routine and some details of the final, dramatic resolution require a mea-

sure of credibility easy on the spot but more difficult upon sober reflection.

As a director, Darabont deserves the highest praise. In particular he makes the prison authorities real rather than cardboard villains; they are believable, and very scary.

Tim Robbins, who has played his share of extroverted characters, is fully persuasive as the brooding, uncommunicative Andy. And yet he exhibits, especially through the eyes, all sorts of inner pain and conflict. He is ice and fire all at once.

Morgan Freeman's enormous talent is a known quantity, and yet he never ceases to amaze. He has an un-self-conscious dignity that makes him 10 feet tall combined with a gentle mockery and humor that embody the everyman, instantly recognizable.

His voiceover assures him a constant place in the audience's awareness, and his visual presence as the tranquil observing eye provides the movie with a secure storytelling device. Good as Robbins is, Freeman practically walks off with the picture.

At the heart of *The Shawshank Redemption* lies a philosophical question that has practical reverberations for almost everyone: Is boundless hope ever justified? Is it not more realistic to accept the inevitable — death from inoperable cancer for instance — and only cruel to indulge the fantasy of deliverance?

On one level the answer is yes, but circumstances may differ, and require another response. In a very telling scene, Andy sends music over the prison loudspeaker system, and all the inmates stand transfixed by its beauty. For this infraction Andy is

sent to the "hole" of solitary confinement.

When he comes out he quietly with Red, who is at Andy's peaceful demeanor after two weeks of intense anger. Andy explains that he is inside him; they can never be apart of him. Whatever lies within.

Not an original thought perhaps the most profound the human mind has ever de-

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Interesting facets of a local 'late-come artist'.

Lauriel Anderson characterizes herself as a "late-come artist." She did not take up painting until after her husband retired. But viewing her paintings, particularly her landscapes which are her favorites, I would say she came a long way in a fairly short time.

Phyllis Kantor wrote to me about Lauriel Anderson, not only to point out her prolific and diverse work as an artist, but also her activities on behalf of the El Cerrito Art Association. For Lauriel, among other things, handles the exhibits at the association.

There are exhibits in the El Cerrito Community Center, in the City Council chambers (part of that center), and her and there about the city. She is a bit sad about the fact that the banks rarely hang artists' works, since they use the space now for their own advertising. At one time artists of the Association had paintings on display in many of the area banks.

Even had Anderson not become an artist, she would still be of interest in these pages. For she is one of those interesting women who has had many careers and many facets.

She was born in the Midwest, where her father was a university professor. He had an unusual philosophy. After you graduated, you went out to conquer the world on your own. Her grandmother became a missionary to Africa, her father lived in the Philippine Islands, and her sister moved to London.

When Lauriel graduated, she looked around. She had broken out in Europe, which, of course, showed her choices.

At the YWCA she met a woman from Hawaii. She returned to the islands with her and there combined work in race relations with work at the Honolulu Y.

At the same time she earned her master's degree. It was during this period that she met her husband Scott, who had studied and taught there.

Interesting note: Next year will be their 50th wedding anniversary, and they are taking their

whole family (children Todd, Wendy and Logan and their families) to Hawaii to celebrate. A perfect celebration for such a perfect anniversary.

Another aside: One reason why Lauriel and Scott have maintained so good a marriage, she feels, is their habit of taking one day off each week to do things together. They call Wednesday their Serendipity day.

And so they returned to the mainland, where Lauriel taught sociology at Denison University in Ohio, was Director of Public Affairs at the Boston YWCA, worked for four years with neurologically handicapped children, and other activities.

At a conference about neurologically handicapped, she became interested in the right brain and left brain.

"I had done well in school because I was a left-brain person," she says. "That is all they knew then. It is only recently that they have delved into what the right or the left brain will do."

Then she began to think. "I don't think I have done anything with my right brain."

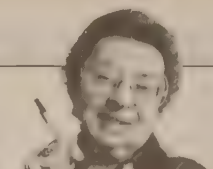
She had begun to paint by then. Now she dropped all her other activities and took additional classes, trying to learn "how to see." One day, on a field trip, she tried water colors "and I never left it."

Now they used to be, using layering and texturing.

"You see so much more when you are oriented this way," she says. She continues to study, working now with someone in Castro Valley.

She belongs to several art associations, in addition to El Cerrito. As a result she has pictures in several places, including Oakland, Marin, Walnut Creek and Castro Valley (all in juried shows).

She speaks of the exhibits in the El Cerrito Community Center fondly. Ever since the city allowed the Association a permanent space in the Center, it has become a gallery, where local artists can show their works.



Community Folk

By Clara-Rae Genser

They have a different theme each month, which adds interest to the showings. Over 50 artists have shown there. Their works hang there for a month, then move to the council chambers, where they hang for another month.

Lauriel has worked on art shows every May for five years, and has edited The Palette, the Association's newsletter.

She continues to take classes, saying, "I still feel I have so much to learn in this one medium. I am not ready to move on to another." A late-come artist and a devoted one.

In another part of the local art world, we note that both the Contra Costa Civic Theater in El Cerrito and the Masquers in Point Richmond are making important improvements to their theaters.

These are basics like air conditioning, complying with federal access regulations, seismic repairs and such.

They are big, expensive jobs, but very much worthwhile for these two jewels in our community. Donations will help.

Thank you, Phyllis Kantor, for writing to me about Lauriel Anderson. I enjoyed renewing my acquaintance with her.

And I invite all of you to give me your ideas: interesting people, activities, events, organizations, travel, etc. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany 94706, or call 525-4585. Writing is better!

Measure B campaign aims for library funds

Contra Costa Community College District Chancellor Robert Jensen has been named Chairperson of the Taxpayers to Keep Our Libraries Open — Yes on Measure B Committee.

"Our libraries are a community resource we cannot do without," said Jensen.

"After-school homework programs for young students, reading times for children, and adult literacy programs are just a few of the ways our local libraries bolster education county-wide."

Dr. Jensen will lead the county-wide Measure B effort targeted at the community level.

Regional groups of volunteers are now tabling near shopping centers and educating voters to the fact that local libraries are in jeopardy.

Volunteers will begin phoning voters by the middle of October.

Measure B is a response to the state legislature taking moneys from library budgets throughout California.

Measure B merely restores the state funding that was taken by the state legislature.

Moneys generated through Measure B can only be used for library-related services.

Measure B would assess an annual \$15 per parcel fee for most county property owners.

The \$15 fee would be used solely for county library services.

Qualified senior citizens and disabled persons may, under law, postpone this charge.

Passage of Measure B require a two-thirds yes vote by county voters in the November balloting.

Measure B is a county-wide initiative excluding the City of Richmond, which has its own library system.

Dr. Jensen will be available for media inquiries by contacting the above phone number.

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Local chemist wins award

A local chemist has won one of the highest annual awards given by the Agricultural Research Service for transferring new technology to the marketplace.

Chemist Thomas F. Schatzki of ARS' Western Regional Research Center in Albany applied X-ray technology to speed detection of prohibited foods and other agricultural contraband in luggage at airports. These outlawed goods may carry pests such as Mediterranean fruit flies.

ARS is the chief scientific agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Schatzki is the chief scientific agency of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Schatzki is based at the Albany center's Cereal Product Utilization Research Unit. He worked with EG&G Astrophysics Research Corporation of Long Beach, Calif., to employ digital X-ray equipment to scrutinize luggage.

USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, responsible for keeping exotic pests out of the U.S., has installed 75 X-ray machines in U.S. airports. Schatzki's tests at the Los Angeles International Airport in 1989 showed that X-ray viewing of luggage detects four times as much contraband as random manual searches.

Schatzki receives a plaque and cash award. ARS has recognized its scientists' outstanding technology transfer efforts through the annual awards program since 1989. Five other tech-transfer awards are being given this year.

Acting ARS administrator Essex E. Finney, Jr., said forbidden fruits, vegetables, meats, and other illegal edibles hidden in luggage arriving on flights to the U.S. mainland have the potential to harbor agricultural pests. The pests endanger U.S. farms and cause multimillion-dollar losses to farmers and consumers, Schatzki said.

Schatzki has been with the Western Regional Research Center since 1972. He holds an undergraduate degree in chemistry from the University of Michigan and a doctorate in physical chemistry from Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

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Taste of Rockridge

College Avenue



Karamanta will appear in front of Rockridge Rags from 1pm-4pm.

Food— Fun— and Frolic!!!

This year the merchants on College Avenue and surrounding streets have changed the name of their annual street fair to **A TASTE OF ROCKRIDGE**, a name which reflects what the merchants want the festivity to demonstrate...the variety of foods, services and goods available in Rockridge. The street fair will occur on Sunday, October 16 from 12 til 5pm.

This year also celebrates the dedication of the **Firestorm Tile Mural**, recently installed on College Avenue at BART. At 10am on Sunday, the mural will be dedicated by Mayor Harris and other dignitaries. With over 2000 tiles, the memorial is a tribute to this community's spirit of renewal. An inspiring effort by so many people effected by the fire, the mural will become a major focus for the renewal of the Rockridge community.

In addition, **Patricia Polacco**, nationally recognized children's book author plans to be on hand to sign copies of her newest creation, "Tikvah Means Hope," a beautiful book about the firestorm. The new homes in Rockridge hills mean "welcome back" to those who rebuilt and a fresh "welcome" to those moving to the area.

A **Taste of Rockridge** promises to be just that. The celebration of Rockridge covers College Avenue from Alcatraz to Broadway. College Avenue is becoming recognized throughout the Bay Area for its concentration of quality food establishments. A **Taste of Rockridge** will introduce many new customers to the delights and varieties of foods offered. From cupcake decorating to sausage sandwiches, bagel tastings, olive and olive oil tastings, comparative apple and pear samplings, sushi rolling demonstrations, ice cream tasting, grilled Tuscan style sandwiches, information on McDougall diet, plus much more. How much can one eat?

This year music stretches the Avenue. The **Claremont School Cheerleaders** will be performing near Miles and College. There will be **gospel music** at the College Avenue Presbyterian Church, **salsa music** at Cactus Taqueria, **Zydeco** music at Royal Coffee, and **jazz** at Itsy Bitsy. **Peruvian** music at Rockridge Rags and some different sounds at Noah's Art.

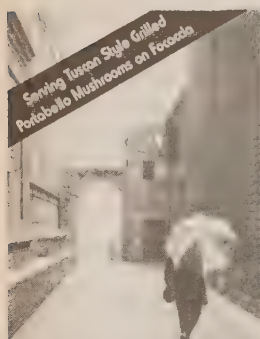
Magic Gardens nursery will have a table of plants so bring your gardening questions down to the Avenue. **Oakland Zoomobile** will delight all who stop by to see which animals are taking a Sunday ride. Plus there will be more animal information at tables set up by "Smart Dogs" and "Hop-a-Long Animal Rescue."

Other activities for children will include a **face painter** near Cotton & Co. and **Children's World**, and another one near Rockridge Kids. A castle for **astro jumping** will be the feature at the Bank of America parking lot. There will be lots of balloons and **balloon art**, and a **juggler** tossing his cares to the wind. **Diesel Books** will have **story telling** and there will be **pumpkin**

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The return of the blues

Yahoo ... A New "Blue"!
 "When's 'NYPD Blue' gonna be back?" People have been asking me this since the new TV season opened last month. The answer (in the form of a question) is: What was Tuesday at 10 on Channel 7? We "Blue" fans have four episodes to savor talented star David Caruso's fine, low-key performances before the star goes off to make films for Disney or whomever. We'll miss Caruso, and he'll probably miss having a career.

Day Time: There's plenty to peruse this week, so hang on tight to those remotes — if you can find 'em. (Prediction: That clever new Magnavox "clapper" remote that's easy to locate will be a best-seller this Christmas). I watched Susan Dey's thriller TV-movie, "Beyond Suspicion." And here she's the "L.A. Law" Dey (serious, fretful), not the ineffectual "Love and War" comedic Dey. Hey, you'd be serious, too, if you had "McGyver" stalking you — that would be Richard Dean Anderson, played Dey's abusive cop ex-husband. "Suspicion" was a pretty good suspense film the first hour; then it collapsed under the weight of too many action clichés. Among them: The terrified-woman-in-the-car-that-won't-start scene and the creepy-abandoned-warehouse ending. I suspect you were disappointed with "Suspicion."

MEDIA NOTES: Don't you feel a whole lot better to learn that Kathleen Sullivan has finally achieved her "personal goal" of losing 23-1/2 pounds? I know I'm sleeping much more soundly ... Speaking of Caruso above, the way is being cleared for TV's other high-profile defector, Rob Morrow of "Northern Exposure." One recent episode showed him leaving Cicely in the future. Like "NYPD," I wonder if I'll keep watching the series regularly after Morrow leaves; to me, his Dr. Fleischmann is by far the most interesting character on the show. He's a realist who, despite his insensitivity, doesn't indulge the town's oddballs. Before Morrow leaves, permit me to drag out that great line one last time: "If Woody Allen is butter, Fleischmann is margarine." ... According to the New York Times last week, NBC led even "Hard Copy" in O.J. Simpson stories, 45-41; but stay tuned; it's gonna be close. And it's time to apply that sobriquet once given to Garrison Keillor to the tiresome senior member of O.J.'s defense team, law professor Gerald Uelman: Dronologist. The man is tediousness personified. I can almost see the jurors now, gulping Vivarin each time Uelman stands up ... More wordplay:

Why doesn't KGO Radio ever tell listeners whether its new call-in line, 808-0810, is toll-free? Speaking of which, station sources say that KGO's former operations director, Jack Swanson, will return from Seattle to replace Ken Beck, the number-two man ousted last week, possibly because several high-profile contract negotiations are dragging on there. Ironically, the classy Swanson left the KGO job two years ago after it became clear that he'd hit a career-advancement wall — long-time KGO general manager Mickey Luckoff isn't going anywhere. Swanson took a radio G.M. job in Space-Needle City, but when King Broadcasting sold flagship station KING, Swanson was out of a job. One question some staffers at Mickey's Mouth Club are now asking: If Swanson does return, will his wife, the hard-to-take, ultraglottal former KGO reporter Melanie Morgan, go with the package? Let's hope not ...

KRON's first-rate news department slipped up on two graphics on one newscast last week; one mistake was glaring: Spelling the 50th state as "Hawii" on a map. But the other misspelling was less noticeable: Ophthalmologist has two "L's". Ask KGO's Dr. Dean Edell



BILL MANN

Media Notes

who also has two L's; that field is his specialty. (Ergo, the hot-selling Dr. Dean line of bifocals) ... Speaking of KGO types, did you catch Pete Giddings' recent stab at being a radio talk-show host on KGO the other night? Consider yourself lucky ... Funny idea: That "Dr. Roof" character with the German accent on The Carrey Brothers fixit show the other day on KNBR. I wouldn't be surprised to see that character, an expert on shingles, shakes, etc., turn up on "Home Improvement" ... That cheery young woman who tells you what's on NBC's prime-time lineup each night during KRON's news is named Sandi Newton. I know this because well-known local magician (and former Channel 5 staffer) Dick Newton is her dad. Sandi's appearance last week was no mean feat, reports Dick, who lives in San Rafael: She'd just given birth to Dick's second grandson just a few days earlier. "She goes in and records a week's worth of NBC promos in just two hours," smiles Newton. "A gig like that, a week's pay for two hours a week, is just too good to give up." That it is.

Want a fast track to the top, aspiring TV newsmen? Land a gig at KPX-TV. Former Channel 5 newsmen Bill Lagatutta is now a regular correspondent on Connie Chung's show, and another pedestrian former PIXie, Reed Galin, now has a CBS-TV gig ...

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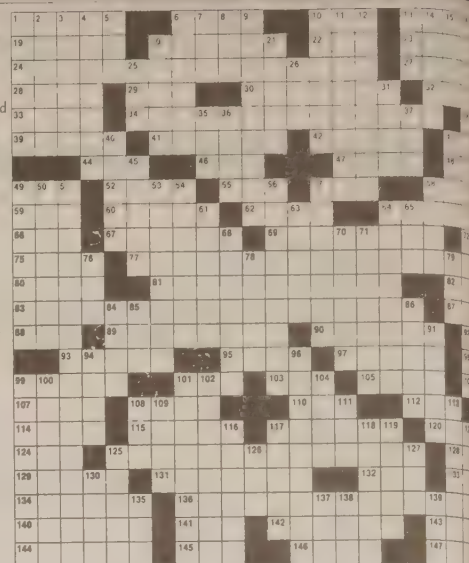


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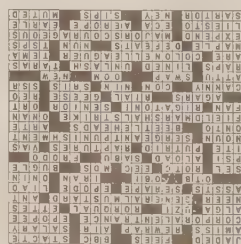
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Bagel entrepreneur starts community foundation

Noah Alper, founder of Noah's New York Bagels, has announced the formation of The Noah's Bagels Foundation, a donor-advised fund of the East Bay Community Foundation in Oakland.

Alper established his foundation as a means of giving back to the communities that have sustained the success of his enterprise. "Through the Noah's Bagels Foundation we will be able to give meaningful support to organizations building com-

munity at the grass-roots," said Alper. "My grandfather was an immigrant who, along with so many others, faced this when he came to America, and he taught me just how important a strong vital sense of community is."

With an initial commitment of \$100,000, the Noah's Bagels Foundation will make five to 10 quarterly disbursements to a wide range of community organizations in the Bay Area and beyond. The

foundation's mission is to support organizations and activities that

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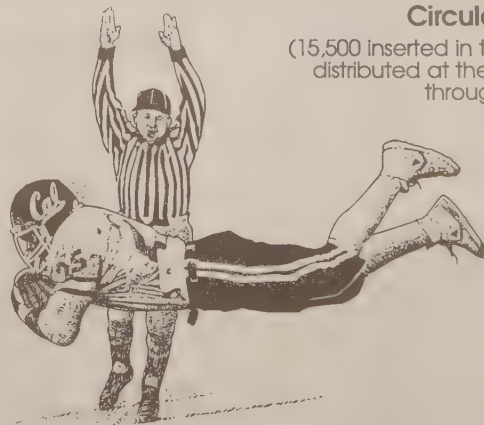
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Viewpoint

By Paul Rockwell

Library plan contradicts promise of previous campaign

In a recent address, Mayor Brodsky talked about public disillusionment with elections. Albany, to be sure, is doing better than larger cities. But Albany is not immune to the cynicism that prevails in politics. More than ever, consistency between pre-election campaigns and post-election policy is vital to the public trust.

The debate over circulation-only plans for the Albany Library is deepening. As a matter of law, city officials can deliver library services in any form they please.

Legality, however, is not the real issue facing Albany, and a legalistic, loophole defense of circulation-only policy is inadequate. Albany citizens oppose the circulation-only plan, not because it is technically illegal, but because it goes contrary to the theme and promise of the Measure "N" campaign. There are promises to keep beyond the letter of the law.

How was Measure "N" presented in the pre-June campaign? How was it sold to Albany? What expectations did the campaign cultivate?

The campaign for Measure "N" was based in part on results of the Alameda County Library Voter Survey, conducted by Price Research. Voters gave top priority to professional library service — a 96

percent support for "reference and information service," a 94 percent support for children's programs. The survey (paid for by Alameda County taxpayers) provided ample evidence that voters want an activist library, a library that provides a wide range of services.

On Feb. 10, Linda Wood, County Librarian, sent a letter to Pat Ford, Executive Secretary of SEIU, Local 616, enlisting union involvement in June and November pro-library campaigns. Gladly, Local 616 gave its support and mobilized its members (40 of whom live in Albany). In soliciting union support, no staff-downsizing options were mentioned. After all, unions do not endorse cuts or layoffs of their own members.

By April, campaign literature for Measure "N" presented a single theme: restore hours and quality services, as they were known prior to the Wilson cuts. The official ballot pamphlet invites voters to "continue the tradition of excellence" in Albany. A folder pamphlet announces: "restore hours, restore services." City officials, Friends of the Library, old-timers who remembered Edith Stone — hundreds of citizens — all worked in the campaign.

Hoping to appeal to public con-

cern for restored professional service, the campaign committee set up a photo session with one of Albany's librarians. As a sales pitch to voters, the photo appeared in the same pamphlet that said: "Library volunteers cannot replace trained staff." A second handout, distributed throughout Albany, promised more hours and "a wider variety of services." The flier reads: "Professional services will be increased."

Nowhere in the plain, well-written literature is there any mention of reading rooms, circulation-only hours, or any staff downsizing concepts. The campaign literature appealed to the popular, legitimate desire to bring back the old team — the same Alameda County team that helped win a \$2 million grant for Albany from the state.

In her recent Journal column, Phyllis Lyon wrote: "Citizens did not enact into law flowery enticements written by the proponents of Measure 'N' or the opinions of the city attorney, fine gent though he may be."

Her column is often informative, even entertaining, but we believe that her attitude to Measure "N" is disturbing. The campaign literature was not flowery — nor seductive, or misleading. It was clear and simple, and the very clarity of the

message — restore basic services as they were known prior to the budget cuts — made Measure "N" appealing. The campaign was honest, simple, even exemplary. Albany should be proud of its example.

Does the campaign promise of Measure "N" count in decision-making today? You bet it does! Whether a library experiment is faithful to the campaign, or a deviation from expectations of the voters, makes all the difference. Campaigns do count. And consistency between pre-election campaigns and post-election policy is vital to the public trust.

What does the Albany Library Board do now? We make the following request: Present both plans (the full-service plan, the circulation-only plan), along with a list of pros and cons for each plan, to the city council.

Encourage the council to hold a general public discussion with lots of citizen input. We don't ask the Board to recommend our favorite plan, the full-service plan. We only ask the Board to present both proposals as options for public discussion.

And, of course, we encourage Albany citizens to speak up at the city council meeting Oct. 17.

Computer access to library now available

Al E. Cat, Alameda County Library's on-line catalog, may now be accessed from home or office with a computer, modem and communications software.

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friendly and offers a variety of ways to search for library items, such as key words in the title or subject fields; the catalog user can also limit searches by publication dates, formats, or language.

Other Al E. Cat features include listings of all Alameda County Library branch hours, locations and telephone numbers, lists of local legislators and the New York Times best-sellers, as well as other information such as the schedule of fines and fees. Library card holders, with the proper information, can also search their records to learn if they have items on hold or ready to pick up, and whether they owe overdue fines or not.

Benefit concert scheduled

Kirsten Flake, soprano, and Katherine Shao, harpsichordist, will give a benefit concert at 8 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 22 at St. Alban's Episcopal Church, 1501 Washington Ave., Albany.

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OUT and ABOUT

By Frosene Phillips

Hoping to still take advantage of the gorgeous weather that we've been having, the weekend will highlight two special events taking place in the East Bay. The Rockridge District will be presenting "A Taste of Rockridge" from noon to 5 p.m. on Sunday. This annual street fair will feature participation from Broadway to Alcatraz. Entertainment, food and music will be featured showcasing many of the local restaurants on the avenue.

Cactus Taqueria, Oliveto, Noble Pies, Ti Bacio, Claremont Diner, Elsin's Via Veneto, Olive's Gourmet Pizza, Thai Express, Market Hall Pasta Shop, Rockridge Cafe, Edible Complex, Filipo's and Gaucho's are just a few of the dining spots offering an array of tempting treats. Iced drinks, bagels, olive tastings, creative sandwiches, shish-ke-bob, sushi, plates of ravioli, ice cream and much more will be available.

Musical sounds will range from gospel, salsa, and jazz to Zydeco and Peruvian. Here is a terrific opportunity to sample a variety of cuisines and stroll along one of the East Bay's unique and charming neighborhoods.

The other special event, also taking place on Sunday, will be held at Jack London Square from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. "Harvest Happening on the Square" is sponsored in part by Summit Medical Center's Cancer Education and Prevention Center. Jack's Restaurant will demonstrate healthy cuisine along with the Farmer's Market. Food suggestions by nutritionists and book signings by Alice Medrich, Paula Hamilton, Shirley Fong-Torres and Janet Hazen will take place as well.

Yours truly will be on hand to judge a special Create-A-Snack contest. Participants will create a healthy snack out of the vast offerings from the Farmer's Market. Stop by, say hi and join in the fun!

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RESTAURANT BITES: Stumbled upon Robert Goldberg recently at Ultimate Grounds et al on Park Boulevard in Oakland. The former owner of Chez Goldberg has decided not to reopen his restaurant after all. You may recall that the decision was lost in a fire awhile back and Goldberg originally planned to reopen. In the meantime, you'll find his culinary touches at Christina Campbell's Ultimate Grounds et al. European sandwiches, grilled items, pastries and desserts are the specialty here. Goldberg plans to move up to Seattle sometime next year.

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WEEKEND SCENE: Clarence Clemons and the Red Bank Rockers Thursday at Jack London Square from 5:30 p.m. Diane Schuur at Kimball's East... Opera Night with Elizabeth Durand and Charles Worth Saturday at the Courtyard... Little Sister in the Sports Edition Bar at the Oakland Airport Hilton... Annie Sampson Friday and Ben Marcato & Mondo Combo Saturday in the Terrace Bar at the Claremont Resort... Bluesman Bolden Friday and The Big Big What Nots Saturday at the Baltic... Mike Wollenberg at Italian Colors... Wally Trask Friday at the Washington Inn... Jermaine & Terra and Gary Newman at the Fat Lady.

David Sanchez Quartet at Yoshi's Nitespot... Jeff Linsky and Seward McCain Sunday at the Maybeck Recital Hall... Jim Brown at Scott's... Fredrico Cervantes at the Overland House... Hollywood & Co. with Beverly Watson Friday and Lloyd Gregory & Friends Saturday at the 5th Amendment... Terrell Prude and Daine Jones with Yancey Taylor Quartet Friday and Daine Jones with Yancey Taylor Quartet Saturday at Elsin's Via Veneto.

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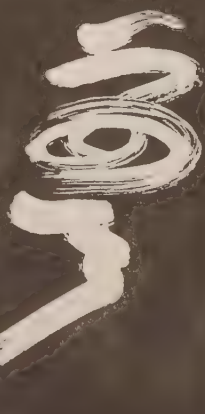
COMEDY SCENE: Tom Kenny at the Punch Line Walnut Creek... Mark Pitta at Tommy T's San Ramon... Huck Flynn at the Sunshine Saloon in Pleasanton... **SAN FRANCISCO:** Bob Rubin at the Punch Line... Marc Maron and Blaine Capatch at Cobb's.

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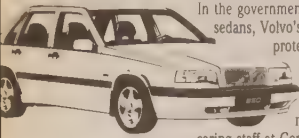
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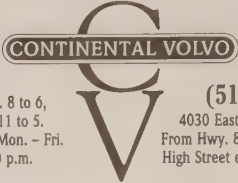
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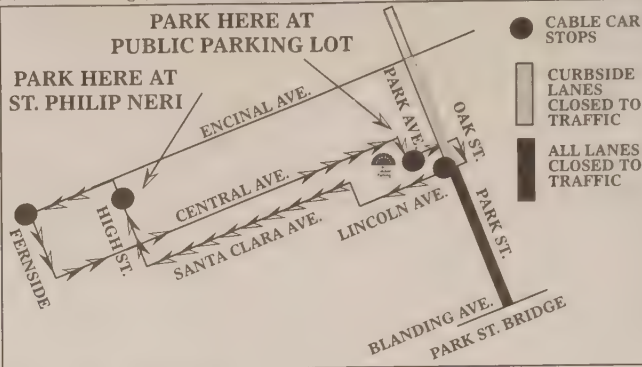
Alameda's Park Street closed for car show

Saturday, October 15 will see a portion of Park Street blocked off from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. for visitors to enjoy the first Park Street Car Show. The map above details the street closure: the curbside lanes on Park Street, from Blanding Avenue (just over the Park Street bridge) to Lincoln Avenue, will be closed to traffic, reducing traffic to the inner lane each way. All lanes from Lincoln Avenue to Encinal Avenue will be closed.

Two validated parking lots serve the Park Street business district within convenient walking distance. The Central Avenue lot

is located between Park Street and Oak Street and the Park Avenue lot can be found between Santa Clara Avenue and Central Avenue (behind the old courthouse). Both are open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Parking is free with validation from participating Park Street merchants or 25 cents per half hour.

For those also attending the Alameda Homebuyers' Information Fair at Lincoln Middle School (Sat., Oct. 15, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.), a free cable car shuttle service is available between the two locations. The map above details the cable car route with arrows and stops with dots.



PARK ST. CAR SHOW EVENTS

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1422 Park Street
10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Music from 50s & 60s
Tucker's Ice Cream Stand
1528 Park Street
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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D.J. Gil "Hi-top" Fonseca
& KSOL Radio Station
D.J. Nick Harper
Dance Contest -
Limbo, Hokey Pokey & More
With San Francisco Bay
Cruises to the Winners
Good Chevrolet in Auto Row
11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Michael Sea and
the Island Fever
(Caribbean Style Band)
Celebrate Michael's Birthday
at the Island Club
Darts, Pool Table & Fun
2320 Santa Clara Ave.
Beginning at 4 p.m.

Fifth Anniversary
Celebration at the Dugout
2431 Central Ave.
Hors d'oeuvres 4 to 10 p.m.
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Nguyen Thi Tuyet Mai, author of "The Rubber Tree," and Khoi Nguyen Senderowicz, her daughter and editor. Below, the family gathers.

Jeff Lindquist photos

THE RUBBER TREE: A VIETNAM MEMOIR

Working on a book unites mother, daughter, the past and the present

by Lisa Coffey Mahoney

Nguyen Thi Tuyet Mai's delicate appearance is hard to reconcile with the image of her as an anti-French guerrilla who, as a teenager, fought for her country, Vietnam.

Mai, 64, sat in her daughter Khoi Nguyen Senderowicz's living room in the Berkeley hills recently, reminiscing about her life experiences in her homeland. She was the child of an upper middle classanoi family, a part of the Saigon elite, a guerrilla, a political activist and a businesswoman in Vietnam.

Today, the mother of four children lives in America, but she's dedicated to helping the Vietnamese people and her country of birth. She is the founder of the Viet Investment Associates, managed by a U.S. investment/management firm and dedicated to projects for Vietnam.

Her vivid memories are recorded in an autobiography entitled "The Rubber Tree," edited by her daughter, Senderowicz.

Mai will be at Barnes & Noble, 2000 Shattuck Avenue in Berkeley, on Sunday, Oct. 16 at 4:30 p.m., talking about her book and discussing Vietnam's past, present and future. She will depart for a return to Vietnam shortly after that.

Ironically, Mai says she doesn't even like to write. "I never write letters to friends," she says, "but I don't even like to talk on the phone."

But a compelling urge from within forced her to put her feelings on paper. "It was because the feelings were so strong I had to put them out," says Mai.

Though Mai began the book in 1968, a few years after moving to the United States with her husband and children, she didn't complete it until 1990. She actually abandoned the project for 15 years.

Mai, a Montclair resident, says it took her that long to finish the book because at times she would get stuck. "I didn't move on because maybe I was back in here (her subconscious)," she is pointing to her head.

If I had written the book in 1960, it wouldn't have gotten published anyway," says Mai. "It has to be the right time."

She explains in the preface of "The Rubber Tree" that her mother's death prompted her writing.

In my state of depression and feelings of helplessness over the sudden loss of my mother, I came to realize that Death could come and claim me at anytime, anywhere, taking with it my secret feelings, wiping out my footprints and rendering meaningless my life on this earth. With this sudden realization, I thought it was important for me to reflect on my life and to write down my thoughts.

Mai's memoir seems to flow easily, despite the fact that she lived through such a complex chapter in her country's history. As she points out in the book, "Within a year and a half they (the Vietnamese people) had witnessed 85 years of French colonial rule swept away overnight by the



Japanese March 1945 coup, then the Japanese disarmed by the Chinese — after their defeat by the Allies in their own country — then our own people taking over for a few months, only to have the French return again."

Senderowicz, 33, (who used the pen name Monique when editing the book) became involved in the project when she saw how frustrated her mother had become working with American editors.

"They couldn't catch the nuances of the feelings of the book," says Senderowicz. "They would try to sensationalize it or make it really action-packed and leave out the nice things that we thought were important."

Senderowicz says that she got to know her mother better as the pair worked on the book. "She would write passages and pass them on to me and I could read it in a detached way," she says. "We would never have sat down and talked about these things otherwise. This is the way I got to know her better."

Senderowicz believes her mother's book about Vietnam is unique.

"A lot is written on the Vietnam War itself," she explains, "but to get a good sense of the destruction of war you need to get a good sense of the beauty that existed before the war and this book shows that."

"The day-to-day activities of the people, the nice things like the beautiful flowers, the countryside, the food," continues Senderowicz. "Not only do you see the author moving from the carefree simple life of a child to a complex adult life, but the entire country experiences a loss of simplicity and innocence as well."

Mai begins her book in 1943, in Bien Hoa, a

small town northeast of Saigon, where her family lived in a colonial brick house that overlooked the Mekong River. She was 12 years old.

She chronicles the many changes both she and her family went through, moving back and forth from cities to country villages, to avoid numerous outbreaks of war. Once the family walked for five months from Thanh Hoa to Rua.

She describes how she witnessed centuries of cultural traditions coming to an end. As Mai's mother performed a foot cleansing ceremony on Mai's aunt in the midst of the turmoil, the author recalls her feelings.

"My aunt sat straight, her face expressionless, her red eyes moistening. Looking at my mother, my aunt, and the scene, I felt like crying. Oddly, I had the feeling that that moving scene, showing restrained love and mutual appreciation and respect through symbolic gesture, would never take place again — that the good family traditions from our 2000-year-old civilization were coming to an end. Perhaps what I had seen during the revolution had given me this sad, intuitive foresight at the age of sixteen," she writes.

Mai joined the Viet Minh army, and fought for one-and-a-half years. Oddly, she says those were the happiest days of her life.

"I wasn't scared," she says. "I had a responsibility. I had a duty. I thought, 'If I fail this what will happen?'"

Mai says that the camaraderie and the sense that everyone was jointly fighting for a cause made

her feel good.

In the book she says, "My army friends gave me many memories, that, in the future, would often cheer me up and help me in my continued belief in a good cause."

Mai's descriptive passages, especially about the flowers and food of Vietnam are plentiful. She says, "My cousins dressed in the latest French fashion: wool slacks and sweaters. I loved to be with them in their apartment on the top floor.

They bought their snacks by lowering a basket to the vendor with their money in it to exchange for fresh-roasted peanuts, fried potatoes seasoned with a few grains of sugar, spicy beef jerky served with pickled papaya, fresh shrimp fried on the spot with a mixture of thinly sliced yam and seasoned flour served with minced pickled cabbage and carrots — all North Vietnamese delicacies.

Senderowicz picked the title, "The Rubber Tree." As a child, Mai would sit in the branches of a rubber tree on the banks of the Mekong River, near her home, thinking.

"As I was reading the book," says Senderowicz, "I noticed that there were many times in her life when the tree was there, when she was a child, when she was in the army, and when she went back to Vietnam as an adult."

"Throughout all that turmoil, the tree is still there and it still flourishes, no matter what upsetting things may happen," says Senderowicz. "My mother is like that, too. She's an eternal optimist."

Mai has been back and forth to Vietnam a number of times since the war ended, and she's seen first-hand that there is much work to be done in the country.

"We live in this country (America) with so much freedom, so much to learn, so much to know, and we don't want to learn and we don't want to know. The Vietnamese don't even now have a chance to that kind of freedom, of learning to express themselves."

The book can be purchased at Barnes & Noble bookstores in Berkeley and Oakland, and Black Black Oak Bo at Black Oak Books in Berkeley. Cost is \$29.95.



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New Pieces Concerts: Oct. 14, 8 p.m.: Kuimba. \$6-8. 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley. Call 527-6779.

"Apollo Et Hyacinthus": Oct. 12 - 16: Mozart's first operatic composition will be performed at noon on the 12 at Hertz Hall, UC-Berkeley and at 8 p.m. at Palache Hall, St. Clement's Episcopal Church for the remaining days. Call 843-5781.

Berkeley Repertory Theatre: "Don Juan Giovanni" runs through Oct. 21. 2025 Addison, Berkeley. Tickets: 845-4700.

Caffè Mediterraneo: Oct. 18, 7-9 p.m.: Poetry readings feature James A. Garvey. Open reading begins at 8 p.m. 2475 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. Call 549-1128.

Poetry at Cody's: Oct. 19, 7:30 p.m.: Jerome Washington and Richard Tipping. 2d, upstairs. 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. Call 845-7852.

Ashkenaz: Oct. 13: Sheryl Cormier; Oct. 14: Tropical Vibrations; Oct. 15: Beverly Stoval; Oct. 18: Bad Boy Zydeco. 1317 San Pablo, Berkeley. 525-5054.

Freight & Salvage: Oct. 13: Greg Brown; Oct. 14: Greg Brown; Oct. 15: An Evening of Women's A Capella; Oct. 16: Victor Spiegel; Oct. 19: The Highway QCs; Oct. 20: Patrick Ball. 1111 Addison St., Berkeley. Call 548-1761.

Kimball's East: Through Oct. 16: Diane Schuur; Oct. 17: The Bobs; Oct. 19 - Oct. 23: Stylistics; Oct. 28 - Oct. 30: Boney James. All shows 8 and 10 p.m. unless otherwise noted. \$18-\$24. 5800 Shellmound St., Emeryville. Call 658-2555.

La Peña Cultural Center: Oct. 19, 7 p.m.: InterTribal Sinkyone Wilderness council present the Bay Area premier screening of "Running to Save Sinkyone." Also poetry and music performances. Call 486-8939. 3105 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 849-2568.

Starry Plough: Oct. 13, 8:30 p.m.: Peter Droge, Hot Blue Sky, Durham; Oct. 14: Lawsuit; Oct. 15: Jamby; Oct. 16, 9 p.m.: Rattled Roosters; Oct. 19: Wikipu, Bolo; Oct. 20, 8:30 p.m.: Peter Droge, Hot Blue Sky, Durham. Music starts Thursday through Saturday, 9:30 p.m.; Sunday, 8 p.m. unless otherwise noted. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 841-2082.

Meetings, Classes, Lectures and other events

Breast Cancer Awareness Month: Oct. 15 - Nov. 19, 10 a.m. - noon: The Art of Survival: An art making workshop for women with breast cancer. Alta Bates Medical Center. Call 524-5381 to register.

Canning Show Demo: Oct. 15, 11 a.m.: Roberto Lazo, Peeta Tinay and Michelle Moore, restorers of antique furniture, invite the public and dealers to a unique one-day demonstration and sales event. 926 Gilman, Berkeley. Call 527-5010.

Creek Restoration: Oct. 15 and 16, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.: Join in the effort to daylight Cordornices Creek in West Berkeley behind the North Face offices (8th and Gilman.) Plant willows, create waterfalls, move rocks, etc. Call 524-4005 for details.

Dan Jelinek benefit: Oct. 16, 7 p.m.: Maya Angelou and Jessica Mitford. Berkeley Community Theater. Call 841-0887 for ticket information.

Greenbelt Alliance: Oct. 16: Presents a special Greenbelt outing "Peak Experience in the Greenbelt," the Bay Area's biggest one-day hiking adventure. Call 415-227-4000.

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Oakland Vaulters Club: Oct. 15, noon - 4 p.m.: U.S. competitor Honami Dean, who just finished competing in the Equestrian Games in Holland, will be demonstrating and teaching vaulting techniques. The price is \$5 and will include a snack and a drink. Call 531-7011 for reservations. Barrel work is available.

Senior Resource Fair: Oct. 19, 11 - 2 p.m.: South Berkeley Senior Center presents an afternoon of music, demonstrations, arts and crafts, and health lectures, as well as representatives from PG&E and Crime Watch. 2939 Ellis St., Berkeley. Call 644-6109.

South Africa Forum: Oct. 15, 7 p.m.: "Building a New Land," a slide show and discussion on the latest news from South Africa. Talk features Thomas Amar Casey, a city planner, who just spent two weeks in South Africa. 2731 Ashby Place, Berkeley. Call 549-1861.

Up from the Ashes II: Oct. 15: A choice selection of seven stunning new designer homes in the Oakland hills will be open for a public tour. For reservations call 547-4360 or 547-3274.

Barnes & Noble: Oct. 15, 7:30 p.m.: Mona Brookes, founder of Monart School of the Arts; Oct. 16: Nguyen Thi Tuyet Mai, *The Rubber Tree*. Barnes & Noble Bookstore, 2352 Shattuck, Berkeley. 644-0861.

Black Oak Books: Readings, Oct. 14: Larry Multry, *Pretty Boy Floyd*; Oct. 16: John Stoltenberg, *The End of Manhood*; Oct. 17: Neal Gabler, *Winchell*; Oct. 18: Rob Nelson, *Revolution X: A Survival Guide for Our Generation*. All events 7:30 p.m. unless noted. Free. 1491 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 486-0698.

Cody's Books: Readings, Oct. 13: Linda Gray Sexton, *Searching For Mercy Street: My Journey Back to My Mother, Anne Sexton*; Oct. 15: Timothy Leary, *Chaos and Cyberculture*; Oct. 17: Richard Ofshe and Ethan Watters, *Making Monsters: False Memory, Psychotherapy and Sexual Hysteria*; Oct. 18: Gregory N. Zolpolski, *Operation Pet Rescue: Animal Survivors of the Oakland, California Firestorm*. All events 7:30 p.m., unless noted. 2454 Telegraph Ave., Berkeley. 845-7852.

Easy Going Travel Shop and Bookstore: Oct. 13: "Packing Demonstration" with Judith Gifford. 1385 Shattuck Ave. at Rose, Berkeley. 843-3533.

GAIA Bookstore & Community Center: Oct. 13: Rebecca Solnit, *Savage Dreams*; Oct. 14: Marc Lappé, *Evolutionary Medicine*; Oct. 17: Dan Cavicchio, *Gardens from the Sand*; Oct. 18: Suzanne Armstrong, *Immaculate Deception II and Seasons of Change*; Oct. 19: Hertha Wong, *Family of Earth and Sky*. All events 7:30 p.m. unless noted. 1400 Shattuck Ave. 548-4172.

Berkeley Hiking Club: Oct. 16: 8:30 a.m.: Samuel P. Taylor Park, call 526-3760; 9:30 a.m.: Carquinez Straits, mini hike, call 939-0159.

Berkeley Rec Dept.: Women drop-in basketball; Men's basketball; Co-recreational volleyball. Call 644-6530.

Berkeley Ski Club: Club meets twice monthly for parties in the East Bay. Daily drop-in Sunday through Wednesday at ski lodge near Alpine Meadows and Squaw Valley. The only adult singles and couples ski club in the East Bay. For membership information call Allen Carro at 451-1044.

Contra Costa Hills Club: Oct. 13: Five-Mile hike exploring nature area of Tilden Park. Call 524-7803; Oct. 16: Seven-mile trail hike in Diablo foothills. Call 939-9115.

REI: Oct. 17: Part A of the REI Indoor Climbing School. Learn to climb on our new 30-foot indoor wall. 1338 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 527-4140.

Berkeley Garden Club: Oct. 18, 1 p.m.: Meeting features Beth Levine speaking on "Organic Produce Delivered to Your Door." 1953 Hopkins St.,

Berkeley. Call 524-4374.

California Rare Fruit Growers: Oct. 15, 1 p.m.: Golden Gate chapter's October meeting features Barbara Wilt on "Medicinal plants." UC Botanical Garden, Centennial Dr., Berkeley. Call 654-6001.

Evam Choden Tibetan Buddhist Center: Offers Compassion Meditation Sundays at 7 p.m. Guests are welcome. 254 Cambridge, Kensington. Call 527-7363.

St. John's Presbyterian Women: Oct. 13: Meeting will feature Ardyce Worth and Helen Dole on "Glimpses of the Churchwide Gathering held at Ames, IA, July 13 - 18, 1994." 2727 College Ave., Berkeley.

St. Mark's Episcopal: Oct. 9, 5:30 p.m.: Michael Kleinschmidt plays organ recital. 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Call 848-5107.

Berkeley Folk Dancers: International folk dance lessons. Beginners class: Tuesdays, 7:45-9:45 p.m. Classes for other levels available. 1301 Shattuck at Berryman, Berkeley. Call 527-2491.

Avatar Toastmasters: Sundays at 6 p.m.: Learn public speaking skills in a friendly supportive, New Age environment. Call 835-3122 or 843-6514.

Tear Gas Training: Oct. 15, 9-10 a.m.: Albany City Hall, 1000 San Pablo Ave., Albany. \$17. Call 524-5065.

1994 Lawrence Lecture: Oct. 14, 8 p.m.: "Science and Scientists: Societal Expectations & Ethical Responsibilities" by Walter Massey, Ph.D., provost and senior vice president of Academic Affairs, UC-Berkeley. One Lawson Rd., Kensington. Call 236-8980.

California Writer's Club: Oct. 15, 11 a.m.: Marty and Anna Rabkin on "Public Libraries: Travel Treasures of the West." 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. Call 237-8497 or 845-4725.

City Commons Club: Oct. 14, noon: "How to Control Handguns" by Michelle Scully, Acting Mayor of Berkeley. 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley. Call 848-3533.

El Cerrito Chamber of Commerce: Oct. 15: "As Time Goes...Buy!" 36th anniversary sale at El Cerrito Plaza.

El Cerrito Senior Center: Through Nov. 30: Planning for the future financial planning seminars. Call 215-4340.

Ernest Bloch Lectures: Oct. 17, 4:15 p.m.: "Comic Superficiality" sponsored by the UC-Berkeley Department of Music. Elkus room, 125 Morrison Hall.

Golden Gate Weavers Guild: Oct. 17, 9:30 a.m.: Meeting features Dick and Beanie Wetzellman on "Textiles and Adornments of West Africa." 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. Guests are welcome.

H.O.P.E.: Helping Out Pets Everywhere holds pet adoptions at the El Cerrito Pet Food Express, 11501 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, on the first and third Saturday of each month from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call 236-9572.

Kensington Senior Activity Center: Oct. 20, 11 a.m. - noon: Jackie Hetman shows part one of her slide show on the Sahara. 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Call 526-9146.

League of Women Voters: Oct. 20, 7:30: Forum for City Council candidates from all districts. City Council chambers, 2134 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Berkeley.

Nature Company: Oct. 15, 22 and 29, 2 - 4 p.m.: Wild animal, insect, plant and flower face painting for free. 1999 El Dorado Ave. and 740 Hearst St., in Berkeley.

North Berkeley Senior Center: Oct. 18, 1:15 p.m.: "Chinese Paper Folding" by Ms. Wan. 1901 Hearst Ave., Berkeley. Call 644-6107.

Safety Works: Mondays, 7 p.m.: Free lecture demonstrations on options for personal safety. Reservations requested. 1589 Solano Ave., Berkeley. 526-5333.

Teletosters: television produc-

tion club, meets the last two Wednesdays of the month. Bay Vision East Studio, 10042 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito. Public invited.

Exhibits

ACCI Gallery: "Allegory: Symbolic Narrative" closes Oct. 16. 1652 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 843-2527.

Berkeley Art Center: "Bodies and Souls," an exhibit of photography by Ruth Morgan, Gayle Tanaka and Kenneth Wilkes. 1275 Walnut St., Berkeley. Call 644-6893.

Berkeley Child Art Institute: "The Littlest Expressionists," an exhibit celebrating the 25th anniversary of the institute features works from as back as 1971 done by children ages 3-12. Opens Oct. 12 and runs through Nov. 27. Oakland Museum Cafe, 1000 Oak St., Oakland. Call 849-3385.

Berkeley Historical Society Museum: "Berkeley on the Move: 100 Years of Public Transportation" exhibition surveys the street car and train systems throughout Berkeley and the East Bay. Runs Thursday through Saturday, noon to 5 p.m. through October 29. 1931 Center St., Berkeley. 848-0181.

East Bay Women Artists: "Light and Shadow," an exhibit of paintings, prints and photographs opens Oct. 11 and runs through Nov. 20. 2058 Mountain Blvd., Oakland. A reception will be held Oct. 12 from 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Emeryville Art Exhibition: Runs through Oct. 30. 1450 64th St., Emeryville. Call 652-6122.

Gallery of the Center for Psychological Studies: "Voices of the Soul," an exhibit of paintings by J. Ruth Gendler, runs through Oct. 20. 1398 Solano Ave., Albany. 524-0291.

Graduate Theological Union: "The Architecture of Light: Sacred Architecture in Istanbul, Cappadocia and the Mediterranean Coast," an exhibit featuring black and white photographs by Blaine Ellis runs through Dec. 22. 2400 Ridge Rd., Berkeley. Call 649-2500.

Phoebe Hearst Museum: "Iranians: Iranians in Los Angeles," a photography exhibit, will be on view through Jan. 2. 103 Kroeber Hall, College and Bancroft, Berkeley. Call 642-3681.

Judah L. Magnes Museum: "Breaking the Mold: Harold Paris's Legacy of Innovation" will be on view Oct. 16 through Jan. 22. 2911 Russell St., Berkeley. 549-6950.

Lawrence Hall of Science: "Within the Human Brain," "Laser: The Light Fantastic," "Math Rules," and "1492: Two Worlds of Science" are all ongoing exhibits. UC-Berkeley campus. Call 642-5132.

Nature Company: "Minerals of the World," a special exhibit and sale opens Oct. 14 and runs through Jan. 2. 740 Hearst Ave., Berkeley. Call 649-5488.

New Pieces: "Beyond the Block Quilts," runs through Nov. 2. 1597 Solano Ave., Berkeley. 10 a.m. - 6 p.m. Monday - Saturday and noon to 5 p.m. Sunday. 527-6779.

NIAD Gallery: "Outrageous Costumes & Clever Disguises," an exhibition featuring the work of artists who push the boundaries of costume through creative use of materials and process, concludes on October 31 with a costume parade at 12:30 p.m. 552 23rd St., Richmond. 620-0290.

Richmond Art Center: "Measuring Up" runs through Nov. 13. Civic Center Plaza, 25th and Barrett, Richmond. Call 620-6772.

Strawberry Creek Design Center: Oct. 15 and 16: Susan Brooks and Carol Lee Shanks present new work in art, jewelry and clothing from 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. at 1250 Addison St., #214, in Berkeley. Call 845-2612.

Suzuki Studio: Lewis Suzuki announces his one-man water color show at Summitone Bank in Albany. Runs through Nov. 18 at 1451 Solano

Ave., Albany.

Tattoo Archive: Through Jan. 1995: "Sailor Tattooing," an exhibit that celebrates one of the greatest traditions in the art of tattooing, military designs, especially navy, will be on view through Jan. 1995. The exhibition will show sailor tattooing from around the world. 2804 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 548-5895.

Uncommon Grounds: "The Goddess Found: The Enlightenment of a Plastic Doll," a group of assemblages and shrines made of found and recycled toys. Exhibit runs through Oct. 29, 2813-7th St., Berkeley. Call 644-0355.

University Lutheran Chapel: "Works of Judith Nilsson Spiegel" will be on through Nov. 4. 2425 College Ave., Berkeley. Call 843-6230.

Weir Gallery: "Ars Longa Vita Brevis IV: Time, Mortality, Melancholy," an exhibit on themes Autumnal, opens Oct. 14 with a reception for the artists from 6:30 - 9 p.m. and runs through Nov. 18 at 1605 Solano Ave., Berkeley. Call 524-8821.

Support Groups and Self-Help

Albany Home Schooling Support Group: forming. Call Dick and Pattee Osterstad at 524-4063.

Albany Special Education Parent Support Group: monthly meetings. 524-9753 or 525-8135 for information.

Alzheimer's Association: offers support groups throughout the Bay Area. For information, call 800-942-1333.

Alzheimer's Support Group: meets at Doctor's Hospital the second Wednesday of every month at 1 p.m. 2151 Appian Way, Pinole. 724-5040. Asthma Support Group meets the third Monday of every month at 7 p.m. 741-2442.

Anxiety and Phobic support group: meets every Saturday at 10 a.m.: St. James Lutheran Church, 1963 Cardinal Blvd., Richmond. Call 233-5543.

Autism Society of America: North Alameda County Chapter meets on the first and third Saturdays of every month, 3-5 p.m. Call 658-1249 or 521-3973 for location.

Bereavement Support Group: sponsored by the Grief Counseling Project, a program of the Suicide Prevention & Crisis Intervention of Alameda County, meets in Berkeley. Bereavement Support Groups are a safe, confidential place for people to receive support around loss. Understanding emotions, as well as learning about loss may also aid in the healing process. The group will be held from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. and will meet for 10 weeks starting in Aug. Call 889-1104.

Berkeley Arthritis Club: meets second Tuesday of every month, 1 p.m. Alta Bates Medical Center Herrick campus.

Breast Cancer Support Groups: are offered by the Alta Bates Comprehensive Breast Center. Women under 40 that have been newly diagnosed or are under treatment meet the first and third Thursday of every month from 5-7 p.m.; An informal education forum for spouses and partners of women with breast cancer meets the third Thursday of every month from 6-8 p.m.; A group for women who are candidates for autologous bone marrow transplants as a treatment meets the second Tuesday of every month from 10 a.m. - noon. All groups meet at Alta Bates Medical Center, 2450 Ashby Ave., in Berkeley. There is no charge and pre-registration is required. Call 204-1811.

Cancer Support Group: for patients, caretakers, long-term survivors and friends; every other Friday, 9:30-11 a.m. All Souls Episcopal Church, Spruce and Cedar, Berkeley. 845-9055.

Debtors Anonymous (East Bay): meets Thursdays, 8-9:30 p.m. for free/

donation ongoing support, sessions and practical tips at Bay Albany Recovery Center, Bancroft Way. 548-2483.

Disabled and Deaf Parent Support Group: second and third Wednesdays, 4 to 5:15 p.m. sponsored by Center for Independent Living, American Sign Language interpreters available. Big Rock John's Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. 841-4776 voice, 841-4776 TDD.

Educational hotline: for experiencing impotence has been set up by West Contra Costa Unified School District. Call (800) 533-7379.

Epilepsy League of the East Bay: Support Group meets on the second Wednesday of every month in the lounge room A of Herrick Hospital, the corner of Shattuck and College Way from 7-9 p.m. Call 889-2400.

Forty Plus: managers, professionals over 40 seeking a new, orientation meetings every day at 8 a.m., 7440 Locust Ave., near Oakland airport. No charge. 2400.

Friends of HomeBirth: and advocacy group, meets Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. 522-6755 or 237-9724.

Heart Talks: are held the Tuesday of each month at 6 a.m. at Brookside Hospital, 2000 Vale Road, San Pablo. 7006.

Overeaters Anonymous (Berkeley): meets Tuesdays, 5:30-8 p.m. at El Cerrito United Methodist Church, 6830 Stockton. 273-9292.

Overeaters Anonymous (Alameda County): meets every Saturday free of charge to those with eating disorders, 8:30-10 a.m.; newcomers at 8 a.m. St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2727 College Ave., Berkeley. 841-8562.

Overeaters Anonymous: special daytime rescue meeting for parents of babies and small children every Friday, 1:30-2:30 p.m. Northridge Community Church, The Alameda, Berkeley. Meeting is free and all children are welcome. OA is open to compulsive overeaters, anorexics and bulimics. Members are welcome. For further information call. 841-8562 or 273-9292.

Partners of Survivors of Incest Anonymous: Also for partners who are multiple personalities and of ritual abuse. Meets Tuesdays at 8 p.m., Mandana, 541 Mandana, Oakland. Call 8844.

Secular Organizations for Abolition of Bribery: meets Mondays and Fridays, 9 p.m. in Berkeley at 606 Bayview, Aquatic Park, 814-2221.

Survivors of Incest Anonymous: a 12-step group for adults and children, meets Thursdays, 7 p.m. at Albany Senior Center, Masonic Hall, Albany. Call 526-2721.

Tilden Health & Healing: Single parent support group, bi-monthly, Thursdays; Finishing Your Bliss meets on Tuesdays; This is Your Life: A Life of Seniors meets bi-monthly, Thursdays; Monthly Friday-Nite sessions. Call Bonnie Bell for information at 262-0312. 401 Grand Blvd., Berkeley.

TOPS - Take Off Pounds Weekly: meets each Monday at 9:30 a.m. at 980 Stagg, Albany. Call 526-8423 or 238-2288.

Turning Point Career Center: Offers drop-in support group for seekers and career changers. 18: "A Career as a Mediator." Faulkner, mediation center, Alameda County Superior Court Service. 2600 Bancroft. Call 848-6370.

Women's support group: grain sufferers meets monthly. Call Nancy at 841-4776 for more information.

Hi-tech comfort at Berkeley Design Shop



Business Focus

MAGGIE SHARPE

Computers are invading our bedrooms — and with exciting results.

Mike Lavin of the Berkeley Design Shop, who has been building custom mattresses for 20 years, recently installed a German-made software package called Ergocheck which gives color-coded on-screen readouts of an individual's points of pressure when he or she is in a sleeping position.

Using this information, Lavin builds a mattress from foam or latex rubber to relieve or support points of pressure, thus affording a better night's sleep and improved overall health.

Under his One-Year Comfort Exchange policy, he will continue to build and adjust the mattress until the customer is comfortable.

"People don't always realize how important good sleep is to mental as well as physical health," says Lavin.

"When you toss and turn all night on an uncomfortable mattress, it interrupts REM sleep patterns which are essential to proper rest. The result can be a pretty grumpy camper."

Berkeley Design Shop's in-store Ergocheck is the first of its kind in the U.S., but Lavin sees it as the wave of the future. "This is a way for people to sleep soundly on a mattress that really matches their body shape," he says.

And prices are reasonable. For example, a queen-size, foam, custom-made mattress costs about \$400.

Berkeley Design Shop also stocks an attractive array of bedroom furniture, with special emphasis on space-saving ele-

ments such as loft and chest with built-in desks and bookshelves.

They also have some kidstuff — roller skate boots, '49er dinosaur lamps, and painted 'dog' and 'cat' trees, to name just a few.

The Berkeley Design Shop is located at 2970 Adeline Ave. The phone number is 841-5555.



Mike Lavin uses on-image to build a mattress



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In the Game



By Peter Mentor

Warriors in fun

It's amazing to think that all these guys in high school sports, these juniors and seniors on varsity teams, could be just one or two years away from going into the armed service and maybe off to war.

Why think of that now? The turmoil in Kuwait and Haiti, the problems in Bosnia and Rwanda, wasn't all that long ago that I was worried when my brother's number got called for Vietnam.

Fortunately my brother Steven didn't go. He's turning 40 on Thanksgiving this year, able to have a normal existence with the memories of college and the best of his life, while we, his family, are still intact.

Sometimes when writing about sports we use military terms to describe what is happening. The battle, the fight, the campaign, the blitz, the slaughter and the blitz. Occasionally players go down on the field in pain. Often it's just a play or two, then they are right back on the field. Other times it is more serious, out a week or longer.

Still, how does this compare to the fates of the men and women who go to war? It can't, because even those who go to war and don't get injured sometimes come home hurt in ways we can't see.

So here we are in the middle of the fall sports season and we all take this very seriously. The Warriors were sold, the A's might be the Giants might stay and lure the Warriors away. The 49ers are the way back from a "crushing defeat." Baseball, hockey and maybe basketball are dormant because of money and power, which is one of the reasons countries fight each other and within themselves in the first place.

These days on the field playing football or soccer, indoors on the volleyball court and outdoors on the tennis courts — these are the beyond days for students when the biggest worry is finishing homework, studying for a test and doing well in the game that matters.

I saw a nice sign last week when fans of both teams in the El Cerrito-Bishop O'Dowd game were cheering equally for their own teams. No one was out to get the referees even though there were some questionable calls. There was no berating the other team, no chants to kill the refs, which have taken over in basketball and baseball. In hockey and football they are too busy getting each other up on the field, but I have noticed a lot of respect and patting of the opposition in professional sports.

It's nice to see that camaraderie, even among players on opposite sides. It says, "Hey look at us, we're fighting each other tooth and nail during the season, but we can enjoy the talent of the other guy and enjoy this game we play."

After the pro football games on Sunday I ride the channels and catch some of "NFL Battle Zone," a program designed to show how much like war football really is. It really contrasted a TV news segment later on the same channel with a coach taking over a Division II college team of deaf players. "Is this the same game?" I thought. Then I remember back to my high school game, where former Raiders player John "Blondie" Smith was on the line with this huge smile on his face. He plays as hard as anyone, even came back from a torn ligament in his knee last year, and he knows this is only a game.

Yellowjacket volleyers top BVAL with six wins

By Peter Mentor

Word went around that Berkeley girls' volleyball was going through a rebuilding year, and even Yellowjacket coach Ed Cohen had that in mind — until now.

Cohen was surprised at the success of his team, which has done everything he has asked and more to take first place in the Bay Valley Athletic League at the mid-point of the season.

The Yellowjackets have not dropped a game in league play. They already have wins over every team in the league to start off at 6-0 in the BVAL, 17-7 overall.

That quick start startled a lot of teams, especially since Berkeley was picked to finish third behind Monte Vista and Antioch this season in a preseason poll of the league coaches.

The reason behind the poor polling posture? Berkeley had seven new starters and five new hitters this season. Only a starting setter and defensive specialists came back from the team that won the 1993 BVAL championship and made it to the North Coast Section playoffs last year.

Berkeley's new players showed their ability to play at or above last year's level and defend the BVAL championship by sweeping the first half of the season,

'We played an unbelievable preseason'

—COACH ED COHEN

Young players building Jacket dream team

By Peter Mentor

Berkeley girls' volleyball had a lot of positions to fill this season after losing almost the entire starting squad from last year.

That didn't stop this group of Yellowjacket players from learning together to become one of the best teams in the Bay Valley Athletic League and a sure bet to make the North Coast Section playoffs again this year.

Back from the great team of last season are four solid seniors, including setter Molly Sklut and former defensive specialists Tina Reardon, Amanda Nakahara and Amanda Salzman.

The team rotates around the

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including wins over the two teams that were supposed to be better.

Part of the success comes from a frightening preseason of 21 matches (three didn't count) against some of the best teams in the state.

Making it to North Coast last year allowed Berkeley entry into some prestigious tournaments, where the Jackets played the likes of state champions St. Francis and Los Gatos, state runner-up Leland and highly ranked Santa Cruz and Sacred Heart.

"We played an unbelievable preseason," said Cohen. "Last year I knew we would be good. This year has been much more of a trial, but the results have been just as good."

Berkeley lost to some of the big wigs of volleyball, but wins over Santa Cruz and Sacred Heart and the high quality of preseason got the Jackets ready for league action.

Berkeley started the league with a 3-0 sweep of Carondelet, winning 15-11, 15-12 and 15-13 in the first league match.

The next few teams were rollovers. Liberty managed only 16 points in three games against the Jackets, and Antioch collected only 14 points in three games.

Berkeley crushed Pittsburg 15-

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Berkeley's Molly Sklut sets up for a teammate

Former Albany resident leads St. Mary's to win over AHS

It was an easy win for St. Mary's in a 17-44 victory over Albany in an Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League meet last Thursday at Tilden Park.

The star of the show was former Albany resident Cisco Schaaf, a St. Mary's senior who has a lot of friends from Albany High and wanted to show his stuff in this race.

Schaaf did just that, winning the race in 18:40, more than a minute ahead of his nearest competition for his best time ever on the 3.1-mile course.

Schaaf had a 25-meter lead at the mile mark and St. Mary's coach Francis Mason told him to stay smooth and enjoy the race.

Eddie Royball placed second for St. Mary's, running the course in 19:53. Albany's top runner, John Fordham, one of Schaaf's best friends, placed third overall in 20:10 to break up the Panther pack.

Jason Torres ran his best time ever for St. Mary's, placing fourth overall in 20:50. It was a great race for the junior Torres, who is coming back after being bitten on the leg by a pit bull two weeks ago.

Panther Bobby Augustine (21:00) was fifth and teammate

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De La Salle storms BHS

Not a bad effort against team ranked sixth in U.S.

By Scott Kaplan

Last Friday the Berkeley Jackets played a role that has become all too traditional for prep football teams in the Bay Valley Athletic League: sacrificial lambs to De La Salle.

In a match-up between two unbeaten in Concord, the Spartans came away with a 35-0 spanking over the upstart Yellow Jackets.

Led by the explosive backfield tandem of Leon Callen and D.J. Duperrior, the De La Salle offense mowed down Berkeley.

Callen gained a game-high 156 yards rushing 11 carries, while Duperrior ran for an even 100 yards on 10 carries. The Spartans racked up 384 yards against a Jacket team that had allowed a combined 27 points in their four previous games.

On the other side of the ball, De La Salle held Berkeley to 66 yards of offense. Standout Jacket tailback J'Juan Cherry rushed for 10 yards on five carries.

The hosts jumped on the scoreboard first with 10:20 left in the opening quarter.

On their first play from scrimmage, Duperrior busted loose for 47 yards. Then, two Jacket penalties and one play later, Duperrior scored a five-yard touchdown run. Callen got on the board with 5:31 left in the first, breaking loose for a 44-yard touchdown scamper.

Quarterback Mike Bastianelli balanced out the Spartans attack, completing 7-of-13 passes for 130 yards. The 6-foot-1 senior threw two touchdown passes, a 33-yard strike to Matt Padillia in the second, and a 23-yard strike to Rashad Floyd in the third.

Bastianelli added a 15-yard touchdown run late in the first half that gave De La Salle an unsurmountable 28-0 halftime lead.

'(De La Salle is) very well coached'

—ASSISTANT COACH JOHN GRADWOHL



El Cerrito's David Poole (56) hits the turf as Bishop O'Dowd's Jerry Payne (24) fumbles.

Bad calls, no calls, swing EC game

By Peter Mentor

It was a frustrating day for El Cerrito football, the kind of day businesses have when their phone lines go down.

The Gauchos were stymied by a bad call on their first series of the game, and at least twice after that by some questionable calls and non-calls.

Bishop O'Dowd, playing the part of an AT&T operator helping out an MCI salesperson, rerouted those calls in their own favor and came out with a 34-14 win at home over El Cerrito in Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League action.

Of those bad calls, the worst came on El Cerrito's first possession of the game, a rare pass interference called against the offensive player.

Quarterback Charles Lovell tossed a pass to the right side for receiver Jamaal Cotright, who was being covered by O'Dowd defensive back Mike Cummings. The ball fell in-

complete, but Cotright was called for offensive pass interference and the ball went back 15 yards to the 34.

On fourth down Lovell went back to Cotright, but Cummings' tight coverage forced another incomplete pass and no call came. O'Dowd took over and scored 27 seconds later on a 42-yard pass from quarterback Eric Olson to Ike Franklin for the 7-0 lead.

"We got some bad calls and some non-calls," said El Cerrito coach Frank Milo. "It was a three-touchdown swing. It took us out of our rhythm. I saw a different ball game than the officials did on three plays."

There were other penalties that didn't go the Gauchos' way, some that should have been called against the opponent and saw no flags, but it was that first stage of the game that hurt the most.

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Volleyball Roundup

ALBANY AND EL CERRITO IN TIE FOR FIRST PLACE IN LEAGUE

Albany and El Cerrito are looking for a showdown in a match that should decide the regular season champion and make final which teams get byes in the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League playoffs in the first week of November.

Albany has a big edge over everyone at this point after beating Bishop O'Dowd in the first week of the season.

El Cerrito has not yet met either O'Dowd or Albany, but the Lady Gauchos meet both teams in a one-week span to put the league playoffs into better perspective.

El Cerrito travels to O'Dowd on Oct. 20 and a victory for the Lady Gauchos would give them at least second place in the league, barring any upsets by some of the ACCAL's weaker teams, because the Dragons would have two losses.

If El Cerrito loses to O'Dowd, there is still the match against Albany the following Tuesday

(Oct. 25). If the Lady Gauchos lose to the Dragons and beat the Cougars, there would be a three-way tie for first place in the league, and then it would come down to a coin flip to see which teams got the playoff byes.

Only the top two teams get byes to the semifinal round, while the next four teams must play in an opening round.

Although there are other matches on the schedule, El Cerrito coach Roddy Lee and his

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Mixed results for tennis

By Niall Adler

The Albany (1-1) and El Cerrito (0-2) girls' tennis teams are going in opposite directions. The El Cerrito team is coached by a new coach, Donna Wood and the young team is full of potential and optimism as the season begins. Albany is a different story.

Wood came to the team after coaching both the girls' basketball and softball teams at El Cerrito High. This is her first time as a tennis coach, with her only experience coming from being a PE coach. But she said that the girls seem to like her and she plans to be back next year.

El Cerrito's number one singles player is freshman Juliet Miya. Coach Wood said she is young and still learning the basics, and as she plays in more matches, added maturity and growth will develop.

The number two player is Debbie Young, also a first-year player, while number three is

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Gauchos

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For a brief while, before O'Dowd scored, it looked like luck was going the Gauchos' way. El Cerrito's had stalled on the opening drive and was forced to punt, but O'Dowd fumbled the kick and Gaucho sophomore Lamont Thompson recovered to rekindle the drive.

El Cerrito marched all the way down to the O'Dowd 15-yard line on the running of Ed Dwyer and Ayodele Mitchell, then Antoine Lacy was dropped for a loss and El Cerrito decided to throw.

Then came the pass interference call that all but killed the drive. Had the call gone the other way El Cerrito would have had a first and goal, but such was not the case.

El Cerrito had bigger problems trying to contain Olson, who completed his first three passes of the day for 91 yards and two touchdowns, one a 42-yard pass to Ike

Franklin and the other a 37-yarder to Tony Vella. O'Dowd led 13-0 after one quarter of play.

It only got worse for El Cerrito.

O'Dowd scored on its first possession of the second quarter on a 31-yard pass from Olson to running back Ricky Walker and the two connected for a two-point conversion pass as well to lead 21-0.

The Dragons made it 4-for-4 on scoring chances when Walker busted in from one yard out and Niles Bybel's kick made it 28-0 a half. That touchdown was set up by a 36-yard pass to tight end Vella, who was brought down just short of scoring by El Cerrito defensive backs Joey Ursini and Lacy.

El Cerrito regrouped at halftime and put in a good defensive effort in the second half, especially against the pass. Olson connected only once in five tries in the second half and was picked off twice by Lacy and Wali Amin, but

the one completion was a 47-yard touchdown pass to Franklin.

O'Dowd came off a loss to De Anza a week before and was ready to play against El Cerrito. The Dragon defense held Mitchell to 40 yards rushing.

Mitchell, one of the league's leading rushers last year, made his mark on the game by scoring both of El Cerrito's two touchdowns in the second half.

However, Mitchell ended up with a net gain of 0 yards in the second half because the holes that were present in the line last year were now filled with defensive linemen putting him down to the turf.

Lovell had a terrible first half, throwing 3-of-12 for 19 yards. The senior quarterback was strong in the second half, connecting on six of 11 passes for 130 yards to finish with 149 yards passing for the game.

El Cerrito's first touchdown was set up when Dwyer

recovered a fumble at the O'Dowd 22. Five plays Mitchell busted in from three yards out for the first of the second half. Lovell was sacked on the conversion attempt, but the Gauchos kept the score 28-6 with 4:41 left in the third quarter.

O'Dowd made it 34-6 on Olson's 47-yard touchdown pass to Franklin with five minutes left in the game.

El Cerrito came right back and scored a minute later. Lovell hit Donny Davis on passes of 19 and 34 yards to the end zone. The Dragons 1, and Mitchell pounded it in the final play of the game. Dwyer ran in a two-point conversion to tie the score at 34-14.

The loss dropped El Cerrito to 0-2 in league play overall, while O'Dowd climbed to 1-1 league overall. The Gauchos and Salesian (0-2) are tied for first in their division. Both teams sit two games behind league leaders St. Mary's and Albany (both at 2-0 league overall) and De Anza (2-0 league, 3-2 overall).

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setter Sklut, who is one of the best players to don a Berkeley uniform. Sklut is Berkeley's kill leader as a setter, an uncommon mix because setters are usually the ones dishing out assists on points. "She's doesn't like to take the offensive burden on her shoulders," said Berkeley coach Ed Cohen. "Against Monte Vista her first nine attempts went for kills."

Reardon is another star player for the Jackets, as can be surmised from Cohen's remarks: "Tina is a regular factor in our success in serving, passing and defense. In passing and defense, there is no one who can touch her."

Nakahara and Salzman moved up from the back row to play as hitters, and so far they are doing the job admirably. "Those two are being asked to produce offensively," said Cohen of his two Amandas. "The stability of the team comes from those four players because so much of the ball comes from them."

Another reason for the team's rise in fortunes was the addition of Bishop O'Dowd transfer Alike Boggan, a junior outside hitter who was injured with a sprained ankle the first two weeks of the season but is playing well in league play.

"After years of losing players to O'Dowd I finally got a gem moving this way," said an amazed Cohen. "When she's healthy and moving well and aggressive she is a dominant player. Alike is overpowering hitting and defensively. Her development will have a lot to do with our success this season."

Junior Antoinette Tillman, a transfer from Benicia, plays middle blocker and the right side. She is only 5-foot-9, but she jumps well and puts up a good block. Cohen said Tillman is adjusting to the quicker tempo of the Berkeley offense.

Junior Angela Jackson is also 5-9, but she has long arms and big, strong hands that can put the ball where she

wants it to go on a block. "She controls the ball, pushing it back onto the opponents' court," said Cohen.

Then comes the biggest surprise for the team: four sophomores who never learned to play bad volleyball because they started off playing against the best teams around.

Sophomores Deonna Sayles and Valerie Harvey have the size and speed needed to be middle blockers, and even though neither had a lick of varsity experience between them before this season. They are quickly adapting. Both are tall enough, but it's their combination of quick feet and fast arm swings as a dynamic duo at the net that place them in a zone above other players in the league.

"I can see them being a real devastating tandem," said Cohen of his sophomore middle-blocking team. "They are the best in the league as a pair. Those two make a real solid one-two punch."

Then comes sophomores Dana Byrd-Stubblefield and

Emily Taufa, two players who are more than just jumping out of the team.

Byrd-Stubblefield is a setter up from the first team who is learning the varsity game and playing a more specialized role when not setting. Taufa is a solid working player who refused to sit out practice even when she had a bum knee.

Cohen sees this team only getting better. He teaches them as they go. The second round of league contests could be harder, since most teams thought Berkeley was weak this year and may not have taken the Jackets seriously the first time around.

"I'm doing a lot of coaching during matches," Cohen, who has trouble with the rule of coaches not being seated on the bench during matches. "I find myself crouching near the bench. It's a really fun season. It's demanding, but it's fun to see the improvement day."

Cross-Country

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Gabe Goodhart was a second back at sixth. Mike Hunt took eighth and Jason Jarosz ninth as St. Mary's raised its league record to 6-1 on the season.

St. Mary's freshmen team also ran well, beating Albany's varsity 27-28 in unofficial scoring to show the depth of the Panther team for the future.

The Panthers were resting a lot of top runners for the weekend at Clovis on the 3.1-mile Woodward Park course that serves as the championship course for the state.

Jonevan Hornsby ran fourth overall in 16:38, just beating out Piedmont's David Rhodes in a battle for the finish.

These two runners have been duking it out this season and Hornsby has prevailed on his last-second kick. This race fell the same way.

Rhodes bolted out with a mile to go, but Hornsby hung on his tail. Rhodes tried to break free again at the 400-meter mark, and he pushed Hornsby to the inside of the course to better his position, but Hornsby stayed with him. Then with 150 meters to go Hornsby went into high gear and beat Rhodes by one second 16:38 to 16:39.

"It was a great, great battle," said Mason. "Rhodes used real good racing tactics and Jonevan made some

mistakes, but at the end Jonevan got him."

Mark Miguel ran a great race for St. Mary's, placing 41st in 18:25 for his best time ever to beat out the other top Panther runners. Augustine (46th) and freshman Ben Maniatis (47th) took the next two spots for the Panthers, while Royball and Mike Hunt rounded out the pack.

St. Mary's beat Piedmont in the race, but Mason said the Highlanders are inching up on the Panthers. St. Mary's also finished six points ahead of Campolindo, another NCS contender in Division IV, but that team is also closing in.

St. Mary's faces Alameda and St. Joseph today in Alameda for an ACCAL meet. The Panthers are also going to the Mariner Invitational at Garin Park in Moreau Saturday.

BERKELEY CROSS COUNTRY

Berkeley had its only home meet of the season last Thursday at Tilden Park and the results were mixed, with impressive individual marks and high team scores (which like golf is not desired).

Lauren Smith won the girls' varsity race by three minutes and ran a personal best 22:17 on the tough and hilly 3.1-mile Tilden course.

Smith improved her time by 46 seconds despite having

no one to push her in the race, while Phoebe Seaton knocked off 1:02 from her previous best, placing third overall in 25:47. Those were the only two on varsity for Berkeley, which gave Antioch a 15-50 victory in the head-to-head meet.

The Berkeley boys had a complete team, but didn't fare much better against Antioch, a 24-31 winner over the Yellowjackets. Pittsburg also ran in the race, but was not scheduled to meet Berkeley until later in the season.

Pittsburg runner Joe Menchaca won the varsity boys' race in 19:11, but Antioch beat Pittsburg 27-28.

Scott Loken was the first finisher for Berkeley, taking sixth overall in 19:47. Loken shaved 1:32 off his previous best, giving him the biggest improvement on the day for any Berkeley runner.

Ryan Demai (20:02) and David Taylor (20:06) placed 8th and 9th, respectively, while Baron Sun (20:15) was 10th and Andrew Berger (20:52) 12th. Ian Rose (24:44) finished 18th.

In junior varsity competition, Antioch beat Berkeley 22-33. Francisco Elizondo was third in 12:06, Gabriel Orozco (12:17) placed fifth, Ari Houser (12:51) was sixth, Alex Kreit (13:13) was ninth, Chad Hanson took 10th, Toby Perry was 11th, Nick DiCostanzo was 14th and Eugene Blackwell was 21st overall.

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6, 15-5 and 15-7, then stumped Pinole Valley 15-5 and 15-6.

The real test came last Thursday in the away game against then undefeated Monte Vista, where a lot were present for the home team.

Berkeley kept the Monte Vista fans silent by winning the first game 15-7.

"Monte Vista played well in the first game," Cohen. "We just played out of our minds. It was a defensive effort for us."

Monte Vista got the fans screaming again, jumping to a 12-4 lead in the second game by sinking a lot of speed shots. Berkeley crept back into it, keeping off the floor while scoring points here and there.

When Berkeley was within three points of a Cohen said his team had no doubt they would win the game. The Jackets pulled even at 13-13 and had substitutes left, but Deonna Sayles was amazing back row, scoring the last three points of the game for a 15-13 Berkeley win.

Game 3 was all Berkeley. Tina Reardon scored points right off the bat with a couple of aces, and Salzman scored four points, Emily Taufa scored

Football

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"We had a hell of a lot more speed than them," said Berkeley assistant coach John Gradwohl. "But they're very well coached, and just out-executed us offensively and defensively."

By De La Salle standards, a 35-point win over Berkeley is truly a step down. In two previous meetings the Spartans outscored the Jackets with a combined 139-0.

The win improves De La Salle to 5-0, (2-0 in the BVAL) while Berkeley falls to 4-1, 0-1 in the BVAL.

"Winning and losing are habits, and it's tough to break habits," said Gradwohl. "We have a habit of losing to De La Salle, and De La Salle has a habit of winning their games. We're getting a lot better, and they can't get much better."

De La Salle has won 31 straight games, and is currently ranked sixth in the nation. The Spartans though, aren't tops in the state — that place goes to La Puente's Bishop Amat. Bishop Amat is also ranked as the top team in the United States.

Albany Football

In their home opener, the Albany Cougars defeated the Richmond Oilers in a lackluster affair, 27-0.

Richmond managed just 71 yards of total offense, while fumbling away the ball three times. Richmond (0-3, 0-1 in the ACCAL) committed five turnovers on the afternoon.

Albany tailback James McKinney, fresh off 256 rushing yards against Alameda, was hardly a factor, rushing for a season low 20 yards on 20 carries. His backfield mate Danny Wilcox (50 yards per game) had two

carries for four yards.

The Cougars jumped out ahead 7-0 in the first, as McKinney darted 12-yards for a touchdown. In the second the hosts upped their lead to 14-0 as Burlin Germany hooked up with Toby Norman on a 31-yard touchdown pass.

Germany completed 10-of-15 passes for 133 yards. Through five games of the season Germany has clearly established himself as one of the best passers that Albany's had in years. So far the junior has thrown for 574 yards and five touchdowns.

Albany's defense did rise to the occasion, accounting for two touchdowns.

Bryan Clancy recovered an Oiler fumble and raced 22 yards for the score in the second. In the third, Danny Wilcox returned a Richmond fumble 22-yards for a touchdown as well.

McKinney and Carlos Blanco had interceptions for the Cougars. Blanco, a senior, has three picks on the 1994 campaign.

St. Mary's Football

John F. Kennedy High has had better weeks.

Only days after a shooting at the school which left a student injured, the Kennedy football team engaged in an ACCAL affair with St. Mary's and lost 36-0.

The win improves the Panthers to 4-1 overall, 2-0 in the ACCAL. JFK falls to 2-2 overall, 1-1 in league.

St. Mary's took command of the contest, jumping out to a 23-0 lead in the first half.

After a Norman Hayes 1-yard touchdown run, St. Mary's went to an unconventional mode of offense — a passing game.

knocked off Alameda 15-11, 15-6 and 15-3 to go 5-0 in the ACCAL, 10-0 overall. The Cougars were scheduled to play at home against St. Joseph Tuesday and then play at home again today against Piedmont, with a match at Richmond next Tuesday.

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Tennis

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Chi. Rounding out the singles players is number four Qiana Washington.

The number one doubles team is the same as last year, Judy Nutting and Kristen Harrell. Eileen Chung and Kristin Jong are the number two team, while Sonia Sadarangani and Peggy Ma are the number three's.

Albany, on the other hand, has already gone through the growing stages and is looking to produce.

In the first game of the season, Albany started out against one of the powerhouse teams in the league, Bishop O'Dowd.

Albany, who has met Bishop

O'Dowd tough in the past, was very close to winning. But O'Dowd, with the stronger doubles teams, pulled it out 4-3.

Elsa-Jennie Bliss began the year strong as the number one singles player by winning in straight sets, 6-1, 6-4. Number two singles player Jeni Aramayo also came up strong, winning 6-0, 6-3. The other two singles players lost, number three Akiko Kondo 4-6, 4-6 and number four Mahsa Khodabakhsh 2-6, 6-7.

In the doubles matches, the number one team of Angela Tsui and Amritha Raghauthen lost 2-6, 6-7, while the number two team of Amy Johnson and Hester Mills took three sets to win, 6-4, 2-6, 7-6, for Albany's

last win of the day. The number three team, Hanh Nguyen and Katherine Winklestein also lost 1-6, 3-6.

El Cerrito also started out with a tough powerhouse opponent, Alameda. And the Hornets experience prevailed against the young Gauchos, 7-0. Contributing to the loss was the fact that El Cerrito had practiced for only about two weeks because of the lack of a coach.

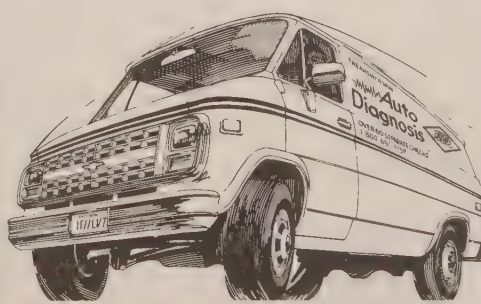
After rainouts on Oct. 4, the Cougars and Gauchos took the court Oct. 6. Albany hosted De Anza and had an easy time winning 5-2, while El

Cerrito lost 4-3 to Encinal.

For Albany, number one again took out another opponent, Flodin, 6-2, 7-6 (8-6). Number two Aramayo won 6-1, 6-4. Afterwards, Bliss continued to be happy with the first set. She let up (in the second) and was able to get more solid returns.

Number three Kondo also had an easy time, winning in straight 1, 7-5. Raghunathan took the number four Khodabakhsh to an accident during practice caused her eye to swell.

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players are waiting for the big matches.

"Bishop O'Dowd and Albany, that's going to be the whole season," said Lee. "We know what we have. It's a matter of playing against a good team and putting it all together."

El Cerrito's match against Albany is at Albany, but that doesn't seem to bother Lee, who pointed out that last year each team beat the other at the other's home court.

Last week Albany beat Holy Names 15-3, 15-5 and 15-9, then

knocked off Alameda 15-11, 15-6 and 15-3 to go 5-0 in the ACCAL, 10-0 overall. The Cougars were scheduled to play at home against St. Joseph Tuesday and then play at home again today against Piedmont, with a match at Richmond next Tuesday.

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FOUND 9 month old, black male cat, very sweet. Needs good home. 530-4444.

FOUND Euclid Ave., Oakland, October 10, charcoal gray, young male, Burm

B ■ Hills Publications

401 Help Wanted

TEACHER for Pre-Kindergarten. 12 units ECE/3 years experience required. Learning center environment. Excellent salary/benefits. Full-time, 510-865-5727

TEACHER for after school program, 3-6 p.m. Must enjoy working with children in grades 4-6. ECE units or experience/30 recreation required. \$500-626

TEACHER'S Aide: 3 days/week, private school, 8:15-12:15 p.m., \$8/hr., experience with young children. Call Roxanne at 510-534-0800

TELEPHONE RECEPTIONIST

Answer busy switchboard for over 100 companies in downtown Oakland business center. Professional look and manner, excellent English and speaking skills, good office telephone technique. Star experience a plus. Hard working, multiple task management, general office skills and Customer Service attitude required. Salary \$9/hr. Leave info mail message at (510)446-7810 and Fax resume to: (510)446-7701 or mail to: Attention: BBPP at 2101 Webster St., Suite 1500, Oakland, CA 94612

THE Cooperative Cleaning Company is hiring brochures/ sub-cleaners, \$6/ hour, Full-time, CDL required. EOE, Non-homophobic. Call 849-0895

THE Posh Bagel, 4037 Piedmont Avenue will be accepting applications and resumes on Tuesday, October 11, between 10:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. for the following positions: Managers, Assistant managers, counter staff, and bakers. You may also fax your resume to 406-960-9378.

VETERINARY Technician/ Kennel help, apply in person Alameda Pet Hospital, corner of Oak Buena Vista

WAREHOUSE Assistant. Lift, move, and assemble furniture, for a Furniture store in Berkeley. Must be strong and mechanical abilities. 15-20 (flexible) hours a week. \$6.50/ hour. Call Larry, 466-8016

402 Caregiver-Domestic Help Wanted

HOUSEHOLD helper, cleaning, gardening, non-smoker, responsible, excellent English, social security number, own car, mornings 527-2021.

WANTED person or persons to live-in in Montclair area to care for elderly but ambulatory couple. Duties include cooking ESSENTIAL, shopping, light housekeeping, etc. Must have a car. Good salary. Call 547-2563

CHILD CARE: 4-7 p.m. Monday and Friday, need car, speak English, Oakland, \$9/ hour, 268-9301

WEEKEND Attendant/housekeeper. Drive, cook, wash, organize, reliable, Social Security, English speaking. Long-term Berkeley. 415-788-8515

LIVE In, full-time nanny for Danville family. Must have experience plus references. \$1800 per month plus benefits. Please call Town & Country 415-567-1568

403 Childcare Wanted

NANNIES NEEDED
Many jobs, full-time, part-time, live-in, live-out. No fee. Moms Away, 559-9195.

HOUSEKEEPER- Family with 2 school age children. Cooking, laundry, shopping, after school supervision. Own car. 339-6915 evenings

WANTED live-in childcare, experienced mother's helper for adorable, cooperative 2½ year-old boy. Lovely North Berkeley home. Easy hours. Car and references necessary. Salary \$1000 plus room/ board. Starting date flexible. Leave message on machine 510-845-8111

NANNY/ cook, live-in. Nice home, fitness private. Care for 3 and 11 year old boys. Cook breakfast/ dinner, straighten house. Must drive. Non-smoking. Berkeley. 645-4367

RELIABLE person with reliable car needed to pick up two small children from schools around Albany, Wednesday- Friday. Anita 528-0723.

NANNYS needed permanently, experience, references, car required. No fee, (510)933-2273. Be In Our Care Agency

CHILD CARE, part-time, 4-6. Golf Links Road residence. Person with car, 568-8135 day/ evening

LOOKING for Mrs. Doubtfire. Professional couple seeks nurturing individual with car to care for 2 daughters after school. Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 4-8 p.m. Excellent salary. 547-1076 after 6 p.m.

SITTER with car to pick up child at Head Royce school 2-2 times/week. Also occasional babysitting available. Excellent references, driving record required. 658-6946.

NANNY Montclair Hills. Christian family with 2 girls, ages 5 and 8 seeks responsible, non-smoking, for after school transport and care. 2-6:30 p.m. 5 days per week. Own car/ licensed required. 338-3125

BABYSITTER for 1 and 3 year old. Orinda Tuesday/ Thursday days. English, CDL, references. 253-1725

NANNY for 4 month old in our Piedmont Pines home. Full-time, English speaking, experienced, excellent references required. 530-5003

CHILD CARE needed for 15 month old and after school for 6 and 8 year old. North Berkeley. Fluent English, experience, references, driver's license required. Live-in or live-out. 510-527-5832

NANNY for 3 boys, Orinda, before and after school. Excellent salary. References, car required. 933-2273. Be In Our Care Agency

BEFORE School care for 6 year girl in our Kensington home. 6-8:30 a.m., Monday-Friday. Must have car. 525-9750

CHILD CARE/ Housekeeper. 15 hours/ week in exchange for room/ board. Must drive. 654-6787.

404 Shared Childcare

OUR nurturing, educated caretaker available October 15, weekdays 8-5:30. Prefer infants! Excellent references. 238-3492, days; 769-8041, evenings

SHARE wonderful nanny, our house. Monday-Wednesday- Friday, preferred, 20-30 hours/ week. Karen 530-3049

405 Childcare - Licensed

DENA's Daycare. A whole childcare curriculum full-day and part-time. 2 years and up. A warm stimulating environment. Multi-cultural, bilingual, English, Spanish, Arabic. Master ECE, big outdoors, small groups, field trips, hot meals, and snack. Experienced teachers. License #010213042. Call 531-1109

CHILD CARE: Kensington mom will babysit your infant/ toddler, wonderful home. Permanent or drop-ins. Flexible hours. Experienced, references. #070213639. Elvira, 525-2574.

OVER Rainbow Daycare. Loving, lightly structured pre-school activities, outdoors. Credentialed teacher. Deborah. 339-2066. License #01020890

Family Daycare Information Center
Recorded list of providers by Zip Code 24 hours/ day/ daily. Updates on Wednesday. License #010214296. 510-888-1980

HOME Day Preschool. Lake Merritt. Same director and location 25 years. #010205900. 763-5155

RELIABLE, quality childcare. Warm, loving Rockridge home. Activities, experienced, references. CPR certified #010213627. Polly, 653-8391.

RELIABLE daycare, healthy environment, in/out activities ECE, 1 year- up. License #010214548. 530-1660

NINI'S Place, large and sunny family day care, in-door and outdoor activities. Ages 1-4. Full and part-time enrollment. Excellent references. Near El Cerrito BART. License #070213295. Call Anita. 510-524-2603.

EXPERIENCED Teacher, ECE degree welcomes children 18 months- 5 years. Safe, sunny El Cerrito Hills home. Meals/ snacks. 8-5:30, full/ part-time. 10/10/13/77. Shaheen 234-1238

406 Babysitters & Au Pairs

OUR Day care needs a loving reliable helper. Monday- Friday. Own car. Call Coke, 655-5699

FABULOUS full-time babysitter in your home. 5 years experience, CPR class completed, own car. Great references. Koy 536-5624.

OUR wonderful babysitter/ housekeeper needs nice family for Tuesday and Thursday. Leave message (evenings) 510-339-2677

LOVING reliable babysitter available full-time Monday- Friday. Drives, excellent references, English speaking. Koy Chao 532-9550

YOUNG Energetic Grandmother has an immediate opening for one toddler full-time. Loving nurturing environment in our large home made for children. Excellent references. 510-601-0641

WE'VE gone part-time. Our great Nanny available Wednesday/ Friday/ any evening/ weekends. Call Karen 658-1870

407 Home Health Care Offered

The following people would like to be hired as Home Health Care Providers. If you are looking for a Job as a Home Health Care Provider, please see Categories 401 and 402.

A CARING CONNECTION

Bonded, quality home care includes personal care, housekeeping, companionship. Call Karen, 524-8076

ELDERLY care available for hourly visits. Call Barbara 537-9444

EDUCATED, Responsible, considerate man will assist Seniors, daytime, while minding year old son (spouse employed). Own Car. Rate negotiable. 510-215-6372

EXPERIENCED aides will care for your loved ones at home, hourly/ live-in. 758-0135; 548-5221

408 Employment Exchange

CUSTOMIZED photos and tiling in exchange for living situation. Photos and references available. 750-649-1769

PRIVATE entrance studio room, kitchen, in exchange for errands, weekend cooking. Fax background information: (510)530-5009

409 Salon Opportunities

ANGELO'S Leasing only, one stylist, one manicurist, 12 operator salon, Oakland Hills. Contact Kiki 513-0232

STATION rental for an elegant Grand Ave. full service salon. Ask for J.P. 451-7808

MANICURE and Hair Station for rent, in beautiful and friendly salon. Nice central location. 510-521-5530

Great Opportunity for Stylist

Individual suites available totally operational, in salon with other busy hair professionals on Piedmont Avenue. Individual shampoo bowl and chair, station and waiting area. \$600 monthly. 943-6637

411 Work Wanted

BERKELEY High Schools available for part-time work. Career Center 548-5627

PERSONAL ASSISTANT

Permanent part-time. Exceptionally qualified man for help with business administration including bookkeeping/secretarial. Household management/ planning. 773-0793.

COOK with health and nutrition background, will prepare delicious weekly meals in your kitchen. Many Middle Eastern specialties. Please contact Shawna 415-221-9107.

TRAVEL companion, Nurse, 30 years experience. Short term relief. Call Barbara 769-8110

PERSONAL Cook, just like Oprah Winfrey. Available 2-3 afternoons weekly. Healthy oriented Mexican, Cajun, all fruit, tasty desserts. 839-5901

Financial

502 Business & Commission Opportunities

IS YOUR BUSINESS FOR SALE?

Interested in Acquiring Northern California Manufacturing or Distribution business with a potential for growth. The ideal business should require capital, marketing management and a unique product/position

If you are interested in selling all or part of your business, please send a brief business description and product brochure to: Box K, 6208 La Salle, Avenue, Oakland, CA 94611

★★★POSTAL JOBS★★★

\$12/26/ hour to start, plus benefits. Postal carriers, sorters, clerks, maintenance. For an application and exam information, call 1-219-736-4715, ext. P1666. 10 a.m. - 10 p.m. 7 days

STAY home. Excellent pay! 400+ companies need home workers now! Amazing message 510-895-2252 ext. 835

WORK AT HOME

\$1000 weekly processing mail, free details, send self-addressed stamped envelope to: Eveready, P.O. Box 3098, Melvindale, MI 48122

SARGENT JOHNSON: 1888-1967. Collector looking for his paintings, sculptures, prints. Call Melvin: 415-922-0129

ESTATE Sale: Fine antique furniture, rugs, mirrors, example: 3 pedestal dining table, 2 leaves, 12 Chippendale-style chairs, 18th century buffet, much more. 415-572-0558

WANTED: Old Oriental Rugs including Chinese rugs and tapestries. European buyer, top \$\$\$ paid. 510-284-9427

601 Antiques & Art

REGENCY RESTORATION ANTIQUE SHOP. Affordable antique and estate furniture. Find cherished treasures for your home. 534-0541, 2400 Embarcadero, Oakland

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602 Appliances

WASHERS and dryers. Kenmore-Whirlpool. Reconditioned and rebuilt. Guaranteed 90 days. Delivery available. 548-4419 anytime.

Vintage Gas Stoves

Wedgewood, Keefe, etc. Repaired and sold. 14 years experience. Licensed. 841-8711.

603 Garage & Estate Sales

GARAGE SALE ADS?

See Clip 'n Go Classifieds Page A

605 Home Furnishings

MATTRESS Sets Twin, \$89. Full \$109. Queen, \$159. Sofa-bed, \$299. Sofa-bed with loveseat, \$399. Bunkbeds, \$228. Chest-beds, bedroom sets, roll-aways. Simmons, Sealy, Restonic. 444-1990

MATTRESSES: Wholesale prices on name brand discontinued models and over production. All sizes available. 510-869-4935

WHITE child's bed, 4 drawers, cabinet in base with bedding, \$250 or best offer. 510-339-9133

605 Home Furnishings

FURNITURE Sale, The Caning Shop, 926 Gilman St., Berkeley. Saturday, 10-4. 50 restored piece-Victorian wicker- cane chairs. 40's rattan, Bentwood chairs, much more

ONE wooden trestle table with matching chairs and china cabinet, good condition, very pretty, \$1200. One Turkish Kilim rug, 7x14, red and black, \$1000. 466-6774

WHITE twin/ bunk beds, dresser, bookcase, toy shelves. 510-653-3289

SOFA, loveseat, matching chair. Three months old. From condo display. Cost \$1195 sell \$395. 886-8127

FURNITURE, modern 3 piece caramel leather sectional, cocktail 38 square library table 50x20, queen mattress set antique sideboard 40x18. 531-8546

SIX piece Sofa, Teak dining set, seats 8. Sewing machine, electric typewriter, Teak buffet, coffee table, Much More! 665-0803

606 Miscellaneous For Sale

CLAREMONT Pool and Tennis family membership includes fitness center, spa, salon. \$6000. 658-0951, leave message

SWIMMING pool filter, pump, heater, poolvac, miscellaneous. Excellent condition. Removing our pool. Best offer. 832-0475.

MONTCLAIR Swim Club, Family membership, \$250 or best offer. For details call Kurt Patzner, 655-0872

HILLS swim club lifetime membership \$3000/ month. Call Pam, 339-0397.

ELECTRIC hospital bed, good condition, 2 years old. \$400. 510-654-7094

TRIMAX Total body workout machine. Excellent condition. \$350 or best offer. 922-3314, daytime/ 862-3973, evenings

OAKLAND Hills Tennis Club, Individual fitness membership, \$400 (save \$100). Call Lauraine, 465-8566

ROLLING Stones tickets, Saturday, October 29 on the green! 4 tickets- best offer. 482-8045, 450-1412

MONTCLAIR Swim Club family membership, \$300. Barbara: 655-6359, evenings

MONTCLAIR Swim Club Family Membership available. \$350 including transfer fee. 839-4920.

607 Miscellaneous Wanted

WANTED- An old toy train. Lionel, Marx, American Flyer. ives- 547-1278

PRACTICE Piano, functional, upright, Spinnet, console, studio. Jana, 635-0119, evenings or 534-0800, daytime

608 Musical Instruments

PIANO, Kimball, Beautiful grain walnut console, deluxe model. Good condition! \$1200. 653-8925

ROSEWOOD Piano, 1867, Chickering upright, beautiful case, new strings, \$600 or best offer. 339-3356

PIANO, Wurrlitzer Spinnet, blonde. \$600. 531-8546

609 Pets - Care & Supplies

VERY IMPORTANT PETS
Providing professional pet-home care. Licensed, insured, bonded. For free brochure 833-0696

Rentals

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701 Lofts & Live-Work Space

\$975 Off Broadway near Piedmont, Manhattan style loft. Skylights, great light, formal entrance, excellent for work and/or home building. Appliances, alarm, 950 sq. ft. 510-826-6896

EMERYVILLE: 2 units, 30 ft. ceilings, skylights, full kitchen, baths, \$995, \$1250. 5015-7633-7227

LIVE/ Work Lofts- 3 floor plans to choose from. 1000 sq. ft. \$795 to \$1095. Security building with parking. Landscaped courtyard with fountain. Laundry on site. Full kitchens and baths. Easy access to 880, catch the express bus to S.F. across the street. Open house Saturday and Sunday 12-5 p.m. or by appointment (510)533-7299. Exchange studios, 527-23rd Avenue, Oakland, corner of 23rd Ave. and E 7th, 3 blocks from Park Street Bridge to Alameda

703 Garage & Storage Rentals

\$70 LARGE private garage. Storage only. Near Lake, 228 Athol. 531-0567

CARPORT space available. Corner of Rose and Pleasant Valley Ave. \$40 monthly. 547-0207

704 Housing Wanted

WORKING couple looking for room to rent, 3 nights a week. 510-644-3411.

ORINDA/ Berkeley/ Montclair/ Piedmont, want rooms with breakfast/ dinner for English Language students- U.C. 3, 4, 16 weeks. \$600 (30 day month). Call Orinda Homestay Program (510)254-1191, Mrs. Honens

GRANDPARENTS need 1 month sublet close to grandchildren. December/ January. North Oakland, Piedmont, Berkeley, 658-1640

RESPONSIBLE teacher and cat desire 1 bedroom cottage/ large studio with full bath, kitchen, laundry, sunny, \$600 range in Elmhurst, Berkeley Hills, Montclair, Claremont heights, Piedmont Pines. James: 510-835-1951

SINGLE, Female, UC professional urgently seeks a one bedroom cottage or apartment with a fenced yard for herself and her obedient dog. From Oakland/ Piedmont to Albany area. \$600-7700 per month. Please call Julie 642-2710, or work at 415-776-5732. home

STEADY, quiet, shop owner, seeks rustic cottage in hills, \$500's- \$600's. Pete 655-8895; 653-9256

TALENTED professional gardener, handy woman, artist. Good with pets. Seeks long term housing full/ part exchange for house sitting, gardening or home maintenance. Reference 526-0545.

705 Sublets & Short-Term Rentals

\$800 CHARMING home, Dimond District. Living room, dining room, 1 bedroom and full bath. New, clean, bright, private. Safe, convenient, pleasant neighborhood. Plus deposit \$31-6799.

\$1500 NEGOTIABLE, secluded Berkeley carriage house, 4 bedroom, garden, November 15-16, February 15, flexible. 883-9616

706 Sublets & Short-Term Rentals

\$2200 CROCKER Highlands 4+ bedroom, 3 1/2 bath, beautiful 1920's traditional, large rampus, second kitchen. Lease option possible. 428-0900; 635-8092, Nancy

707 Vacation Rentals Bed & Breakfast

NORTH Tahoe Dollar Point, 4 bedroom home, ski lease and holidays. Sauna, garages. 415-323-4055

MENDOCINO Coast, dramatic ocean front house, spectacular views, fireplaces, hot tub. Sleeps 6. 510-527-6307

Northstar- At Tahoe/ Tahoe Donner. Winter ski leases. Real Estate sales. Ski West Realty. 800-339-5535

Apt./Condos/Flats For Rent

709 Alameda

\$475 LARGE studio in Alameda, Park Street, second floor. For information Call 522-3946

\$535 VIEW of Bay, Quiet, clean, modern studio. Laundry, utilities included. No pets. Agent, 510-865-2298

711 APT. FOR RENT 1 BEDROOMS

\$535 LOWER unit, new carpets, refrigerator, stove, washer/ dryer. Close to bus and shopping. 441-3946

712 APT. FOR RENT 2 BEDROOMS

\$1175 (ALAMEDA) S.F. and Bay view. 2 bedrooms, plus loft. Fireplace, laundry hook-up, garage parking, A/EK pool, jacuzzi, gym. 522-8383

714 Albany & Kensington

ALBANY, Kensington, El Cerrito, Studio, one, two, three bedroom apartments, flats, houses. Berkeley Connection, 845-7821

\$575 STUDIO Albany Hills, large, quiet, good area, close to shops. 525-4926

\$590 ALBANY nice 1 bedroom, laundry, parking, near BART/ El Cerrito Plaza. Call 832-6328. Evenings

\$700 ALBANY 2 bedroom, secure unit and parking, new shops/ transportation. No pets. 527-0363

\$750 UTILITIES included. Quiet Kensington 1 bedroom, new carpets, separate kitchen, sunny, quiet, laundry, room, carpets, range, refrigerator, washer and dryer. Near AC and BART. 527-1876

\$825 LARGE 2 bedroom duplex, 1 bath. Carpets, garage, \$1200 deposit. 721 Buchanan. 526-0151

725 APT. FOR RENT 1 BEDROOMS

CLEAN AND QUIET
New duplex, near Grand Lake theater, hardwood floors, dishwasher, non-smoking 658-5511

725 ADAMS Point, sparkling, immaculate, new building and tenants. Laundry, storage, cat okay. Garage available. 415-242-1508

725 CHARMING Adams Point. Spacious, apartment-like. Second floor, 1 bedroom. Well kept and 1 1/2 building. Very nice tenants. Laundry, storage, cat okay. 415-242-1508

725 clean, quiet 6-plex, large 1 bedroom, view, hardwood floors, near Lakeshore, no pets 638-9726

725 DIAMOND District, sunny. Private deck, pet-friendly, well-kept yard. Cat considered. Washer only. Parking. 531-5504

725 ONE bedroom. Pool and laundry. Best area, near Rose Garden. 652-2148

725 Many Skeletons In Your Closet*
GET A LARGER CLOSET. SPACIOUS 1 bedroom, immaculate. Rent includes gas and electricity. Quiet, quiet. Close to 580 and 101. Call Helen at 763-0749.

725 ULTRA CLEAN
1st floor 1 bedroom. Quiet modern building. Close to neighbors. New paint, fresh carpets and drapes. Dining area, large closets, intercom entry, parking. Call Helen at 763-0749.

725 1/2 OFF FIRST MONTHS RENT
2 bedrooms, parking available, quiet building with laundry facilities and cable ready. Easy access to 580. Excellent location - short walk to Rose Garden and Lakeshore Avenues and Lake Merritt. Call Brian at 838-1933

725 2230 LAKESHORE - 1 bedroom, 1 bath, sunny, Call June 465-4200

725 121 Street 1 block north of Lake, 1 bedroom. Top floor, intercom entry, spacious, laundry, parking. Must see! 531-6969

725 ADAMS Point, 335 Adams. 5557, 524-526. 1 bedroom, Oakland, extra large, off-street parking. 614-9077

725 LARGE 1 bedroom, garage, washer, water, view, new and clean, driveway parking, near Grand Hospital. 415-9834, call for Lucille.

725 NEAR Lake, quiet, hardwood floors. Lake view. Parking Storage. No pets. 415-668-3125

725 ONE bedroom, Lee Street, 1920's charm, hardwood floors, great light, gas, heat, quiet, parking. Must see! 888-7870

725 ONE bedroom, unfurnished, New. Hardwood floors. Laundry. Near Lake Merritt. 1240 4th St. (B)10338-1019

725 ONE bedroom, parking space, new carpet, 700 sq ft. 839-3287

725 CHARMING OLDER BUILDING
1010 11th Ave - 1 bedroom, lots of natural light, hardwoods. Call 531-6969

725 WONDERFUL, sunny, quiet 1 bedroom. New security building. Top Lake location. Laundry, parking. 763-1333

725 625 SHAFTER, large kitchen, carpeting, BART, shopping, off-street parking, cat. 654-1920

725 1st floor 1 bedroom, parking, near Diamond. Good neighbors quiet building. 634-9033, 763-1765

725 ONE bedroom, freshly painted/carpeted, parking, transportation. Near Glenview shopping. 632-6650, 530-0158, evenings

725 ADAMS Point, 1 bedroom, nice garden, close to pool. Fresh paint, carpets and drapes. Call laundry. Call 635-3707

725 DIRECTLY on Lake Merritt. New paint, new stove, dishwasher, cable ready. Walk to shopping. Parking available. Manager 883-9108.

725 GRANDI Euclid area, 1 bedroom, 1 bath, building, secure parking, coin laundry. 531-5473

725 QUIET, good location, upper Utilities included. 510-465-1625

725 NEAR LOVELY ROSE GARDEN
Charming 1 bedroom, garage included, balcony, laundry, elevator. 601-7132

725 MERRY CHRISTMAS
Sunny, Grand Lake, large, sunny, fully painted, hardwoods, parking, laundry. Cat. 841-1960

725 680 ADAMS Point. Sharp, deluxe, apartment, parking, deck, parking. Closets gas. 638-2387, 524-3125

725 ANNA Hill, 1 bedroom, fireplace, nice hardwood, 61st Avenue. 465-0277

725 GREAT 1 bedroom, laundry room, Clean, Walk to Lake, Kaiser Center, Downtown. 638-1965

725 1st floor block off Piedmont Ave 1 bedroom, new building, with lovely garden area, well-kept, laundry. Convenient to Kaiser, parking and transportation. 837-7055

725 HIGH ceilings, mahogany trim, spacious living room, carpet, mini-blinds, cats okay. 7th Ave. 615-4284

725 LARGE, hardwood, off Lakeshore with Lake view, top floor, gas stove, claw foot bath, hardwood floors, 3 closets. Deposit \$750. 638-1965

725 LARGE 1 bedroom near Lake Merritt. Large, sunny, balcony, dishwasher, elevator, walk to shopping, garage. 420 Bellevue 763-1947 or 638-1965

725 ONE bedroom, garage, laundry, elevator, parking, A/EK, dishwasher, disposal, carpets, near Piedmont. 601-8769

725 ONE bedroom, spacious, bright. Near Lakeshore, transportation, clean, quiet, carpet, laundry. 530-3846

725 WHEATLEY Ave. Bright 1 bedroom, great view, charming building, excellent tenants. 763-9825

725 LOCATION!!!
1st floor 1 bedroom. Garage parking, laundry, dishwasher, balcony. Storage near Lakeshore. 763-5578

725 ELEGANTLY remodeled 1885 Wells. Hardwood floors, 12 ceilings, fireplace. Garden. 415-242-1508

725 LARGE, sunny, with separate dining area, new paint, new refrigerator. Free garage. Call 638-2387, 524-3125

725 NEAR Piedmont, new carpet, balcony, intercom parking, quiet neighborhood, transportation. Laundry. 652-7719

725 EXTRA large 1 bedroom. Best buy! Charming building, near Lake, Grand, shopping, parking. 638-1965

725 Upper Harrison Location
1st floor 1 bedroom, 1 bath, quiet building, parking. Call 654-1693

725 SUNNY ADAMS POINT
1st floor 1 bedroom, fireplace, coin laundry, parking. Call 465-0969

725 APT. FOR RENT 1 BEDROOMS

725 SPACIOUS 1 bedroom, fireplace, quiet, secure, parking, laundry, dishwasher. Adams Point 548-4159, 547-0685

725 ADAMS Point 1 bedroom condo, quiet building, tree-lined street, AEK, garage, West Management. 893-9380

725 CHARMING, quiet, upper, in sunny fourplex. Large closets, sun room, most utilities, parking. 521-2450

725 GREAT location, newly refurbished, dine-in kitchen, gas stove, parking, laundry, cat okay. 746 Hard 206-3588

725 ONE bedroom, luxurious, sunny, quiet, hardwood floors, in 4-plex, walk to Lake. 638-4828

725 ONE bedroom with den
PIEDMONT AREA
Modern quiet units by Piedmont Ave., shopping, bus, cat okay. 86 Linda Ave. Call 547-6630

725 PIEDMONT AREA, 1 bedroom, petio, cable, new carpet, linoleum, laundry, parking. 254-3263/655-8371

725 PLUS deposit, extra large 1 bedroom, 1 bath, next to Lake, secured parking, 375 Van Buren. 893-3629

725 GRACIOUS, SECURE BUILDING WITH VIEW
Spacious unit just redecorated, 3 walk-in closets, most utilities included. Near lake. Walk to shopping, laundry, inside parking available. 893-1826

725 ROCKRIDGE 1 bedroom in duplex with private deck. 3 blocks to College/BART. 658-6787

725 ROCKRIDGE/Piedmont, 1+ bedroom, living room, formal dining, laundry, garage. 656-8566

725 ATTRACTIVE 1 bedroom, Santa Clara near Grand Lake Theater. Newly painted security building, parking, elevator. Carpets, drapes, generous closets. Deposit. 893-4939

725 ONE block from Lake, sunny, clean, quiet, water/garage/parking included. References. 530-6931

725 630 ADAMS Point, bright one bedroom, 1920's building. Hardwood floors, clean, many closets, dining area, includes most utilities, small pets okay. Call Frank 465-5560

725 640 VERY large 1 bedroom, near Lake, well maintained older building. Large closets, laundry, parking, most utilities paid. 415-6086

725 NEAR Lake, modern building, balcony, dishwasher, nice carpet, secure laundry, garage. 330 504-5336

725 SAUNAS *
Upscale building near Piedmont with men's and women's saunas. 1 bedrooms. 360 Monte Vista. Adams Point. Dishwasher, laundry, garage parking included. 658-6278

725 650
Rockridge sunny and spacious 1 bedrooms available immediately. Sunny, pool, gym, and parking. Close to transportation/shopping/Colleges. Must see. 601-1694

725 BEAUTIFUL, sunny corner unit, Landmark Art Deco building, Bay windows, Levoirs, decorative fireplace, hardwood floors, gas stove, dining area, laundry, elevator, close to shopping, easy commute. Cat okay. 272-9654

725 GLENVIEW 1 bedroom in-law, separate entrance, new kitchen, carpet, deck, shared yard. 530-2786

725 ONE bedroom, with large kitchens and living rooms. New paint and carpet. Available October 15. Good closet space. On Piedmont Avenue. Walk to cafes, restaurants and supermarkets. 1920's building. 839-1933

725 SPACIOUS, sunny 1 bedroom condo with balcony, freshly painted, secure, convenient location in Adams Point. Dishwasher, disposal, fireplace. 303 Adams St. 428-1864

725 LARGE, sunny, 1 bedroom, quiet, security building, Piedmont Avenue area. No pets. 658-7449

725 635-675 NEW security building, Microwave, dishwasher, garbage disposal, refrigerator, balcony, garage, laundry. Easy access to San Francisco, Berkeley, Walnut Creek. 125 Moss Ave. 547-7278

725 LOCATION, LOCATION! 1/2 block off Piedmont Ave. Large with balcony, dishwasher, laundry, secure parking. Sorry no pets. 652-7061

725 SPACIOUS luxury 1 bedroom, huge walk-in closet, fireplace, balcony, on second floor. 375 Bellevue Ave. 465-0245

725 UNFURNISHED 1 bedroom, new oven and refrigerator. Carpets, drapes, lots of windows. Patio. Near Rose Garden and SF transportation. Parking. No pets. 854-5364

725 CHOICE GLENVIEW
Location featuring traditional 1920's security building on quiet residential tree-lined street 1 block off upper Park Blvd. Charming top floor with hardwood floors, built-ins. Available October. See to appreciate. 482-3372, 547-4020, 415-459-1307

725 CONDOMINIUM near Piedmont. Cozy, architecturally exciting, deck, dishwasher. 473 Jean (Santa Clara). 272-9512

725 EXTRA LARGE
Sunny 1 bedroom with hardwood floors, big closets, tiled kitchen/bath, deck, laundry. 832-5128

725 650-675 UPPER Grand. Large, carpeted, dishwasher, disposal, views, parking, laundry. Patio. Cable ready. 638-1396

725 ADAMS Point, small older building, hardwood, tile bath/kitchen, laundry, off-street parking, all utilities. Cat okay. Open Sunday, 1:30-3:30, 243 Grand St. 839-7353

725 BROADWAY Terrace sunny upper in fourplex. Separate dining room, hardwood floors. References. 408-626-2667

725 ENORMOUS, bright 1 bedroom in quiet seven unit building near Lake, bus, Grand Ave., Lakeshore shopping. Views of Lake and park, patio, garage. Bodin Way near Beacon St. 428-1864

725 IMMACULATE, spacious, sunny, quiet fourplex, on private lot in best location! Hardwoods, parking, laundry, beautiful yard. Cat okay. 510-763-6402

725 MONTCLAIR Large 1 bedroom, in-law plus study, laundry and parking. Near Village Call 547-4500

725 ONE bedroom. Very spacious, unfurnished, quiet, secure, view, laundry, parking, patio, more. Message. 658-4152

725 SUNNY 1+ Victorian Upper unit, walk-ins, hardwoods, skylight. Walk to Lake, BART, bus. Quiet, safe, cul-de-sac. Gas, water, garbage included. Cat okay. 835-9672

725 CHARMING OLDER BUILDING
266 Lenox - One bedroom, all utilities paid. Call Pat at 835-1961

725 CHARMING OLDER BUILDING
211 Hanover (corner of Lakeshore) 1 plus bedroom, hardwood floors, lots of charm, yard, coin laundry, storage. Call 531-6969

725 180 MONTECITO 1 bedroom Diamond in the rough, lots of natural light, eat-in kitchen, hardwood. Call 836-1977

725 CHARMING North Oakland Cottage, 4228 Shafter. Fireplace hardwood floor, many trees, quiet. 415-291-9552

725 Place a Classified Ad - 333-8777

725 RENTS GREATLY REDUCED
Spacious Apartments
452-2141

725 1 Bedroom \$540-\$650
2 Bedroom 1 Bath, Large \$795
3 Bedroom 2 Bath, Penthouse \$1190

Balcony Pool Microwave Dishwasher. Parking Two blocks to Lake and Grand Lake Theater. 520 Van Buren Avenue. "Adams Point"

725 APT. FOR RENT 1 BEDROOMS

725 CHARMING garden apartment in friendly 3-bed near Piedmont Ave., shopping. Covered parking, laundry, dining area, hardwood floors. SUNNY! 835-6071

725 GLENVIEW Quiet, woodsy duplex 1 bedroom, hardwood floors, appliances, dishwasher. Laundry. Cats okay. 442-6818

725 PIEDMONT border, top floor, corner unit, SF view, secure, 4 closets, near buses. 428-9338

725 UPPER Rockridge: Great location, shopping, transportation! Balcony, elevator, sunny, view, quiet. 5901 Broadway, 838-4653

725 GLENVIEW, sunny, quiet 1 bedroom. Hardwood floors, utilities included, laundry, no pets. 510-530-2020

725 Near Rose Garden, washer/dryer, balcony, perfect Agent 523-1166

725 PERFECT 1 bedroom in Upper Park Blvd 5-plex. Large eat-in kitchen with side yard, living room with fireplace and deck overlooking wooded park, laundry, off-street parking. 943-6637

725 ROCKRIDGE, freshly painted, security building, hardwood floors. 654-3010

725 SPACIOUS formal dining, large walk-in closet, charming older building. Walking distance to Financial District. Heat/gas included. 431 Lake. Available November 5. 451-9256, 251-0511

725 SUNNY 1 bedroom in fourplex, near Piedmont Ave., in older building, hardwood floors, new, separate living and dining room, garage available. 465-0323

725 PIEDMONT AVE. MEDITERRANEAN
One bedroom, hardwood floors, large kitchen with Wedgwood gas stove, walk-in closets, laundry, cable ready, back yard. 4 Yosemite Ave. 652-7930

725 LARGE 1 bedroom, with dining room. Lovely older 7 unit near Lake. China Hill, 228 Alameda. Washer, dryer, closets, garage. Call top floor, parking, most utilities included. Cat Okay. 531-0567

725 MONTCLAIR quiet, in-law, garden patio, 5 minutes from Redwood Parks. Easy walk to Village. Plus utilities. No pets. 420-8442

725 NEAR Piedmont off Grand. Large 1 bedroom flat, formal dining, fireplace, parking, quiet. 532-3520

725 TOP Floor. Many windows, sunny, Spacious, hardwood, U.C. shopping, transportation. 443 Alcatraz Colby. 638-4663

725 LARGE bright Lake view. Panoled walls. Hardwood floors, secure, restored Victorian, 1800 Lakeshore. 465-0721

725 NEAR Rose Garden Washer/dryer, balcony, garage. Agent 523-1166

725 ROOM WITH A VIEW
Beautiful, bright one bedroom apartment in security building. Quiet corner unit with great views, parking, laundry facilities. Walk to Piedmont Ave. Available November 1. 654-6613

725 LAKESHORE Avenue, 1 bedroom. Sunny! Second floor unit in elegant 1920's Art Deco building. Spacious unit with kitchen, tile bath, built-in china cabinet. Laundry, elevator, intercom. Available end of October. Call 451-9062

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725 LOWER Rockridge cozy 1 bedroom duplex, hardwoods, garage, small yard, The Prudentia Landmark Real Estate 287-9996

725 MONTCLAIR Village 1 bedroom. References required. No pets. 10-6 p.m. 530-9376

725 OAKMORE area, fireplace, deck, free wash/dry, garage. Agent 523-1166

725 ROCKRIDGE 1 bedroom, Claremont at College, pool, garden, Mediterranean style. Call top floor, laundry. BART. 284-1887

725 LARGE, sunny, fourplex, formal dining, fireplace, oak floors, walk-in closet, garage. Near Lake, shopping. Available November 1. 832-3583

725 MONTCLAIR 1 bedroom sunny garden condo with dishwasher, fireplace. Includes garage, storage space. Free laundry. 636-1815

725 GLENVIEW sunny, spacious, unique, very private. Deck overlooks wooded garden. Near Park, pool, restaurant. Easy access 1-580/13 530-7592

725 Grand Lake, Piedmont border, quiet building, hardwood floors, gas stove, large storage unit. 482-5077

725 ONE bedroom Penthouse, balcony, parking. Laundry. Very private. Walk to Lake, Grand, transportation. 893-9711

725 CHARM 90 Rockridge Victorian fourplex. Extra large 1 bedroom plus dining room. Parquet floors, gas stove. 4 blocks to BART, just off College. Ground floor unit with front and rear garden. 874-1941 or 652-7575 evenings

725 IMMACULATE, near Park Blvd in residential neighborhood, garage, laundry, garbage. 531-6633 for appointment

725 SPACIOUS sunny 1 bedroom, 1 block above Grand near Piedmont. Hardwood floors, view, garbage disposal, dishwasher. Must see. 547-6906

725 SPECTACULAR 1920'S
Mediterranean-style 4-plex, corner upper Lake-shore location, Prince at York. Stunning top floor, 1 bedroom, den, formal dining room, fireplace, office with built-ins, gleaming hardwood floors, gas, beautifully furnished to enhance its original design. 482-3372, 547-4020, (415)459-1307

725 555 MERRITT, 3-plex owner's unit, 1930's charm. top floor, windows and views, parquet floor, spacious, private, 2 car garage, dishwasher, coin laundry. 465-7197

725 ONE bedroom with den
PIEDMONT AREA
Modern quiet units by Piedmont Ave., shopping, bus, cat okay. 86 Linda Ave. Call 547-6630

725 UPPER ROCKRIDGE RETREAT
Adjacent to Claremont County Club. Serene, sunny, top floor corner unit or ground floor with private patio. All natural settings, centrally located yet secured, laundry, includes parking and most utilities. Mike. 510-654-5935

725 ADAMS POINT BEST LOCATION
One block to Grand Avenue and shopping and transportation. One bedroom available. One with Skyline view. One with Courtyard view. Elevator, laundry, garage and storage. For appointment to see, phone Ann at (510)834-6636

725 NOT for anyone Prime upper Grand Avenue flat in San Francisco tradition. Elegantly restored stylish building, gables and bay windows. Very large sunny and formal view, approximately 1100 sq. ft. Large separate dining. All new gourmet kitchen, hardwood floors, secure garage. Near all amenities and transportation to S.F., 470 Mendocino Blvd. Lease available. Cats okay. \$975. For appointment, 436-5759

725 QUIET, sunny near unit with level entrance in well-maintained 4-unit building, available now. Shared laundry, separate garage. Built-in dishwasher. Piedmont border/Rose Garden location on quiet street. Best over \$550 per month. Mike. 465-8251

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725 1 Bedroom \$540-\$650
2 Bedroom 1 Bath, Large \$795
3 Bedroom 2 Bath, Penthouse \$1190

Balcony Pool Microwave Dishwasher. Parking Two blocks to Lake and Grand Lake Theater. 520 Van Buren Avenue. "Adams Point"

725 725 APT. FOR RENT
2 BEDROOMS

725 5475 ONE and two bedrooms, Laurel District, spacious, near transportation, carpet, drapes, stove, some carpets, laundry. Payday Management. 531-4600

725 ADAMS Point, remodeled Victorian, new kitchen, newly painted, Levoirs, 2 large walk-in closets. 415-663-6390

725 LAUREL district two bedroom. Clean, quiet, garage, carpets, storage room, self-cleaning oven. 530-0641

725 MORMON Temple, cozy 2 bedroom in newer fiveplex, utilities included. No pets. Lease. 531-4633

726 APT. FOR RENT 2 BEDROOMS

726 5475 ONE and two bedrooms, Adams Point, quiet 16-unit building, intercom, elevator. 1 bed room parking space, 2 bedroom - secure garage. Deposit. 839-0655

726 5475 ONE and two bedrooms, Laurel District, spacious, near transportation, carpet, drapes, stove, some carpets, laundry. Payday Management. 531-4600

726 ADAMS Point, garage available. Refurbished, freshly painted. Easy freeway access. Elevator. 763-3810, 444-0276

726 LESTER Ave. Close to Lake, Carpets, drapes, coin laundry, appliances. Gary Pund, 839-5341

726 NCE 2 bedroom, Adams Point, Piedmont border. Carpeted, painted, parking, convenient transportation. 658-6658, 653-6601</

757 HOMES FOR RENT 2 BEDROOMS

\$850 TWO bedroom, 1 bath, 3725 Coolidge Newly remodeled. Plus deposit. 800-428-8796.

\$875 TWO bedroom cottage with enclosed backyard and garden. Hardwood floors, fireplace, separate living and dining rooms, stove, refrigerator. North Oakland near Berkeley. 763-6752

\$895 LAUREL District newly painted 2 bedroom, built-ins, fireplace, yard, garage. The Prudential Landmark Real Estate 287-9966

\$895 ROCKRIDGE 2 bedroom, newly renovated Master bedroom, dining room, hardwood floors, enclosed garage 531-5669

\$950 HOLMAN near Trellis Glen, yard, garage, hardwood floors, references, fireplace, available November 1, 465-5031.

\$980 TWO plus bedrooms, 1 full bath, hardwood floors, fireplace, off-street parking, near Lake 444-8302

\$995 SUNNYSIDE, hardwood floors, fireplace, microwave, dishwasher, laundry, garage, storage. Cable ready. 658-0683

\$1025 TWO bedroom, living room, fireplace, wall-to-wall carpet. Dining, kitchen, bathroom, all new linoleum. Washer hook-up. Garbage in-closure. Available immediately. We accept Section 8. 1357 East 36th St. 654-9944

\$1050 OAK Kroll area, lovely 2 bedroom, 1 bath with garage, large yard, formal dining, hardwood floors, washer/dryer. Drive by 3451 Mirabel. Available October 15. Security deposit. No pets. 425-0707

\$1050 TWO bedroom, 2 bath home, spacious and sunny, on Rhoda Avenue, a quiet tree-lined street above MacArthur Boulevard in the Diamond District. Dishwasher, disposal, washer/dryer hook-up, enormous back yard, garage, large extra storage room. Cat okay 428-1864

\$1060 REDWOOD Heights. Newly remodeled bath. Garage, fenced yard. Good schools/transportation. Easy access Highway 13/580. Fireplace, dishwasher, stove, new refrigerator. Interior newly painted, new carpet. Washer/dryer hook-up, water/garbage paid. 530-6476

\$1100 LEONA Heights. New home flat on Leona Street. Separate entrance. View. Fire. Fireplace. Appliances. Option buying building. 530-2304, 482-0545

\$1150 DRIVE by 159 John Street near Piedmont Ave. Hardwoods, fireplace, yard, no pets 634-9033

\$1150 SUNLIGHT, cheerful, hardwood floors, fireplace, laundry, garage, dining. Non-smoking. Pet negotiable. 2851 Morgan. 208-3588

\$1200 MONTCLAIR secluded 3 level bungalow. New carpet, kitchen cabinets, paint, etc. CPS Management. 444-0276

\$1200 NEAR Piedmont Ave 2 bedroom, remodeled bath. Easy commute, quiet, formal dining, dishwasher, laundry, share yard, garage. Includes water, garbage. No pets, non-smoking 658-9073

\$1200 TOWNHOUSE condo. Bay view from rear deck super condition, great location. CPS Management. 444-0276

\$1200 TWO bedroom, spacious Glenview home. Fireplace, formal dining room, built-in breakfast nook, hardwood floors, cat okay Michelle 531-7005

\$1250 OAKLAND, Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath cottage on emerald green lot. Fireplace, all appliances, garage. Nice neighborhood 4328 Berne Avenue. Do not disturb occupants. Kramer Real Estate Services 946-5200

\$1250 SPACIOUS and spotless 2 bedroom, 2 bath home in Parkside Estates. Vaulted ceilings, fireplace, private patio, yard, 2 car garage. Near regional parks. Call agent Mary. 531-7005

\$1295 ROCKRIDGE 2 bedroom, sunny, living room, fireplace, formal dining, full kitchen. Near BART/Bus, College Ave., UC. No pets. Minimum 1 year lease. 655-3924

\$1700 PIEDMONT 2+ bedroom, 2 bath, spacious, hardwood floors, fireplace, yard, gardener, garage. 1460 Grand. 836-4663

SECLUDED Montclair 2 bedroom, beamed ceiling living room, hardwood floors, fireplace, cozy kitchen, laundry room, storage, parking. No pets 339-2527

758 HOMES FOR RENT 3 BEDROOMS

\$875 RESTORED Victorian, 3 bedroom, San Antonio Park, large yard, wood floors, laundry area, dishwasher, 1900 Foothill Blvd. 535-0413

\$1075 A Gardener's Paradise. 2 bedroom home, 1 1/2 bath, formal dining room, fireplace, hardwood floors, garage, large landscaped yard. No dogs 352-4933

\$1075 CHARMING 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, hardwood floors, enclosed back yard, fireplace, on cul-de-sac. Off Fruitvale below MacArthur, 2714 Bona Street. 482-1149

\$1195 OAKLAND hills, view, 3 bedroom, fireplace, hardwood. Reduced so can show for sale. 536-3507

\$1200 THREE bedroom, 2 bath, electric kitchen, patio, yard, carport, small garage, partial basement. 45th near Broadway. Call to see 209-295-3874

\$1275 PRIME Piedmont Ave., 2 bedroom, formal dining room, living room, eat-in kitchen, hardwood floors, washer, dryer, off-street parking. 339-0275

\$1300 MONTCLAIR 3 bedroom 2 bath, remodeled kitchen and bath, sunny, quiet. No pets 339-9387

\$1350 SEQUOYAH Hills, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, hardwoods, fireplace, hot tub, security, laundry, garage, 568-5322

\$1350 SPACIOUS, 3+ bedrooms, 2 bath in Glenview area. Formal dining room, living room, view, deck, washer/dryer. 540-5545

\$1395 BEAUTIFUL Bay view home, Crestmont next to Montclair. Formal living, dining room, 2 bath, large kitchen, fireplace, yard, view deck, 2 car garage. 490-1931

\$1400 LEASE 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 level hill Bay views. Cul-de-sac location. 284-3700, 8355

\$1400 RURAL Tranquility, Oakland Hills, 3 bedroom, 1 bath, fireplace, hardwood floors, appliances, easy commute. 580/13, large yard, garden included. Available November 1. 482-1084

\$1500 INCLUDING utilities. Spacious 3 bedroom, 2 baths. Fabulous yard, patio, creek, garage. Quiet, family street, near Mormon Temple. 376-6809

\$1500 PIEDMONT Pines, 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, rumpus room, yard. Charming, agent 339-6460

\$1525 MONTCLAIR 3 bedroom, 2 baths. New ceilings, canyon view, fireplace, deck. After 4. 531-8668

\$1535 THREE bedroom, 2 bath, classic older home, large, formal rooms, beamed ceilings and hardwoods throughout, stone fireplace. Yard 658-7260

\$1550 CROCKER spacious 2 bath, large den, formal dining, fenced yard, garage, hardwood floors 655-7544

\$1575 CLASSIC 1908 CRAFTSMAN. Pristine condition, original hardwoods, paneled dining room, living room, 2 sleeping/sun porches. CPS Management. 444-0276

\$1650 MONTCLAIR, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, fireplace, extra storage, garage, washer/dryer. Cats okay 849-1766

\$1700 CROCKER Highlands elegant, traditional 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Hardwood floors, formal dining room, fireplace, deck. Appliances, gardener, non-smoking. 510-452-5582

758 HOMES FOR RENT 3 BEDROOMS

\$1700 THREE bedroom, 1 bath, walk to Rockridge BART, private yard, gardener, basement, washer/dryer, new stove, refrigerator, dishwasher. 429-0709

\$1750 MONTCLAIR charming 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Dining room, living room, fireplace, hardwood floors, decks, view, hot tub, laundry, security system, garbage, gardener. No pets. First and security. Message 530-3636

\$1750 MONTCLAIR, split level, view, 3 large bedrooms, large closets, 2 baths, family room, bonus room, fireplace, decks, 2800 sq. ft., electric garage, newly painted, drapes and blinds, carpets. Immaculate. Lease 339-8625

\$1750 PIEDMONT 3 bedroom, 2 bath. Professional decorated, sunny, new condition, gardener. Wildwood School. 548-1287

\$1850 UPPER Rockridge 3 bedrooms, 3 full baths, office, washer/dryer, stove, refrigerator, microwave, garage. 655 Very quiet on 1/2 acre Non-smoking (510)654-0361 after 5

\$1900 MONTCLAIR 3 bedroom, 3 bath, family room, living room, dining room, gourmet kitchen, garage, deck. Available end of October 339-0214

\$1950 NEW contemporary house in Piedmont Pines, 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, beautiful panoramic view, available mid October. 482-5586

\$1950 UPPER Rockridge sunny, spacious, view. New 3 bedroom, hardwood, dining/family room, fireplace. 415-928-2865

\$1975 PIEDMONT quality sunny, spacious, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, den, rumpus room, terrific kitchen, gated garden/patio. Close to Wildwood School. Gardener. No pets 530-8322

\$1975 RIDGEMONT Contemporary 3 bedrooms, 2 1/2 baths, Bay views, fireplace, appliances, decks, garden, garage. (510)636-1983

\$2000 MONTCLAIR 3 bedroom, 2 bath plus office, modern, spacious, hot tub, garage, alarm. 549-0306

\$2150 MONTCLAIR Hills, new 3 bedroom, 2 1/2 baths, formal dining, separate kitchen eating SF and Bay views, decks, and patios, fenced yard. Garage. Alarm. 547-2673

759 HOMES FOR RENT 4 OR MORE BEDROOMS

\$1200 MONTHLY, 4 bedrooms, 2 baths. Immaculate condition, in Marina Park, close to BART and shopping. For information call 522-3946, ask for Hala

\$1450 CROCKER Highlands, 824 Santa Rita. Fireplace, hardwood floors and carpet. 644-1508

\$1550 RENT or lease option. 4 bedroom, 2 bath near Piedmont. Park-like setting. New kitchen and bathroom, deck, living room, formal dining room. Owner 540-5545

\$1600 FOUR bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, living and dining, 2 car garage, 1 year lease, 538-9129

\$1600 LEONA Heights, Spacious 3 level, 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 fireplaces. Family room, game room, garage, laundry, decks, large yard, security system. Evenings/weekends, 487-1490

\$1600 SEQUOYAH Hills, 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, hardwoods, 3 1/2-level, nearly 1/3 acre. Beautifully remodeled. 548-5609

\$1700 LAKE Merritt (China Hill) Victorian, 1 quiet block from Lake. 4 bedrooms, 2 1/2 bath. Hardwood floors, incredible gourmet kitchen, sun room, deck, laundry. 658-7987

\$1775 PARKRIDGE Gate to Regional Park, 4 bedroom, 3 bath, wood stove, yard, spa, 531-5911

\$1800 SPACIOUS and SPOTLESS Adams Point home. 4 bedroom/2 1/2 bath, formal dining, hardwood floors, cook's kitchen, marble fireplace, 2 car garage, laundry room all appliances. Mary 531-7005, agent

\$1875 FOUR bedroom, 3 bath home, 3 stories, 2 fireplaces, terraced yard, deck, sweeping view, double car garage, washer/dryer. 2001 Drake Dr. HMC 654-4854

\$1875 PIEDMONT 4 bedroom, 3 baths, AEK, large living room, fireplace, formal dining room, hardwood floors, breakfast room, laundry, deck, yard, gardener, garage. Minimum 1 year lease. 510-655-9588

\$1975 PIEDMONT Pines, 4 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath, 2 fireplaces, spa, decks, security system. Large family room and separate AU pair. 633-2101/299-0701

\$2200 MONTCLAIR, Shepherd Canyon, 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath, large decks, views, spa, gourmet kitchen, lease option possible. 415-566-6006, eves

\$2200 OAKLAND Hills- Ridgmont, 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, 3 car garage, Bay view, gardener, 9 year old house. 408-223-7475

\$2200 VIEW HOME, 4+ bedroom, 3 bath, family room. Located 7 minutes from Montclair/Village in Ridgmont. Chris Christensen/ WELLS & BENNETT 531-7000

\$2300 PIEDMONT spacious, traditionally remodeled, 4 bedroom, 2 1/2 bath. Hardwoods, fireplace, remodeled kitchen, office, den, deck, appliances, alarm, location. 531-8462

\$2600 PIEDMONT 4 bedroom, 2 bath. Pool, incredible views, fireplace, deck. Must see. Agent (415)826-4223

\$3250 NEW executive home in Oakland Hills, 5 bedroom, 3 1/2 baths, luxury kitchen, formal living/dining rooms, sky high ceilings, family room. Quality amenities. 11 Nova Court, Kramer Real Estate Services. 946-5200; evenings 372-6941

Share Rentals

773 Berkeley

\$550 Two rooms for 1/2, in sunny house. Share with artist and dog. 845-8584

774 El Cerrito & North

\$350 THREE bedroom, 2 bath house, furnished with laundry, yard, patio. Non-smoking, quiet. 334-3800

\$550 NEGOTIABLE spacious Bay view home, private bath/bedroom. Washer/dryer, near BART freeway. Non-smoking/no pets. Utilities included 232-8663

775 Emeryville

\$450 PLUS 1/3 utilities. Master bedroom with private bath, walk-in closets, parking, pool/spa. 597-1037

777 Oakland Piedmont & South

\$320-\$480 Large sunny home with young professional, hardwood floors, fireplace, view, laundry, more. Non-smoking. 531-0926

\$360, \$520 NEAR Lakeshore. Quiet. Fireplace, hardwood floors, 1 1/2 utilities included. Non-smoking. (510)465-7421. Peter

\$360 SPACIOUS, newly remodeled rooms, quiet, non-smoking. Utilities included. Near Lake Merritt/ convenient transportation. 451-9165

\$375 TWO professional women seeking 3rd, cozy, fireplace, hardwood floors, deck, close to shopping/transportation. Piedmont area. 763-2275

\$385 BEDROOM in 2 bedroom Victorian with Leelan and Cat. Sunny, hardwood floors, laundry. 893-8904.

\$385 NEAR Piedmont Ave., 3+ bedroom, 2 bath, hot tub, garden, garage, basement, laundry. 655-5630

\$395 PRIVATE entrance to room with kitchenette. Garden view, bright, clean, efficient. Oakland Hills. 510-633-2080

771 Alameda

\$400 SPACIOUS home with garden, hardwood floors, quiet neighborhood, near Lake Merritt. Available now \$500 deposit. Ann. 893-5690

\$406 SPACIOUS 3 bedroom house in Montclair. Woodsy area with deer. 339-8091

\$410 PLUS 1/3 utilities. Mills College area, 2 large rooms in luxurious home. Each with own bath. House fully loaded. See to believe! Leave message. 635-0574

\$420 LARGE room in 3 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath home. Great view. Laundry, wood stove, near Redwood Park. 482-9329

\$425 SHARE beautiful Crocker home with fun, young professional. View. Laundry. Hot tub. Christopher. 268-8338

\$430 A housemate wanted now. Nifty, furnished room, laundry, garage, nice gardens, great neighborhood. 601-5370

\$435 MONTCLAIR 1 bedroom and bath in comfortable brown shingle, 2 bedroom house with all amenities. Hot tub, decks, garden, carport. Must like dogs. 339-7222

\$450 INCLUDES utilities. Large, clean, safe, friendly, non-smoking, fireplace, deck, pool, spa. Call Coke 655-5699

\$480 SPACIOUS, quiet, furnished room with bath in lovely Montclair home. Swimming pool, cable television, view, non-smoking, no pets. Includes utilities, laundry, kitchen privileges. References required. 530-3067

\$490 UPPER Rockridge, 2 bedroom view home with owner. Quiet, safe, old neighborhood. Light, beautiful, fireplace, hardwood, yard. Your room furnished or unfurnished. Non-smoking. 429-0787

\$500 PIEDMONT border house, share with professional. Fireplace, hardwoods, yard, laundry. Non-smoking, no pets. 839-8730

\$500 PLUS utilities. Large bedroom with sun room. Oakland district. Hardwoods, eat-in kitchen, yard, off-street parking, amenities. Share house with two professional women. 531-7356

\$550-\$650 SHARE beautiful Oakland Hills home with graduate student. 4 bedrooms, 3 full baths, hardwood floors, fireplace, deck, great view. Rent plus 1/3 utilities. 601-7576

\$575 TRANQUILITY in Montclair, share unique house, amenities, docks, views. Private room and bath. 339-3659

\$585 LEIMERT Blvd., sunny, large, 1 bedroom, private entrance, facilities, view. 531-1059, 5-8 p.m.

\$625 ROCKRIDGE Sunny, spacious 3 bedroom apartment. Basement storage, backyard. Great neighborhood. Near BART. 947-7705

\$650 MINI- Mansion, master suite, spacious office, granite kitchen, living room with view, terrace. 652-3103

Commercial Rentals

781 Alameda

2 RETAIL STORES on Park Street, for lease. Could be used for grocery store or fish market and a retail store, 900 sq. ft. each. 522-3946, ask for Hala or Sam

782 Berkeley & North

2700 sq. ft. to 16,500 sq. ft. ground floor and second floor prime Richmond location for only \$50 per sq. ft. base rent, plus T.I.'s. Good freeway access - W. H. Frank Co. - 231-0232

LARGE warehouse type or showroom: warehouse combo in Prime Richmond location. Good Freeway Access - 5200 Shattuck Berkeley Office. High employment area. As low as \$36 per sq. ft. W. H. Frank Co. - 231-0232

OFFICE and Retail Spaces Available 2000-2500 sq. ft. spaces available in attractive professional center. Near BART, 1-80, 20 minutes to downtown SF and Oakland. Ample on-site parking. Agent 644-1288

CLAREMONT, near Prince St. approximately 2500 sq. ft. Great store front, retail or office space. Michelle or Barry 531-7000

ALBANY Solano Avenue, attractive office space, 527-1157 days, 524-4536 evenings

COMMERCIAL Space in Albany, 400 sq. ft. 900 sq. ft. Upper and lower. 235-8889

OFFICES close to downtown and campus, from 300 to 2000 square feet. 845-1479

SKYLIGHT, LOFT, BART, Carpets, Open, Parking. 850 sq. ft. 627-8988

SOLANO AVE. OFFICE/STORE. Modern excellent space, kitchen, 775 sq. ft. with loft. 5775 526-9754

784 Oakland Piedmont & South

OFFICE space in psychotherapy office suite in Montclair's Village Square Shopping Center. Want to rent half-time, hours flexible. 530-9353

1200 SPOUSE feet near Piedmont Ave. with 3 separate offices. Nice office building, \$1600 per month. Michelle or Barry 531-7000

ATTRACTIVE sunny offices, near Piedmont Ave. Approximately 375-500 sq. ft. Private bathrooms 653-2520, 655-3733

COZY, warm office space in converted house. Near 580 Freeway. 655-5000

\$1000 ABOVE Blockbuster Video, 3298 Lakeshore Ave., second floor, 1100 sq. ft., 2 large spaces, rest room with shower, redecorated. Great for office, dance studio, large meetings. Call: 465-7500

Prime Montclair Office Space. Various small office spaces with parking from \$900. 658-7918, Broker.

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According to Bob Blumberg, one of the three owners of Red Oak Realty and also a working broker, paperwork in the industry has grown exponentially in recent years, to the point where the typical agent is spending far more time on files and paperwork simply to keep up.

"Agents are busy people. They like to sell," Blumberg says. "They like to get out, talk to people, show houses, and negotiate. And they are good at it."

"But the avalanche of regulation and legislation has required a massive amount of paperwork in each and every file. That's where the transaction manager can help. The bottom line is that our clients are now better served because each of our agents in effect has an assistant."

The real estate industry is undergoing more changes now than at



Jessie Trask

any time in the past 20 years, says Blumberg.

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ALBANY	
Income. 4 units in great setting.	\$389,000
Spacious & immaculate 4bd/2ba home.	\$289,000
Rare 3bd/2ba. Pretty yard, big workshop.	\$275,000

BERKELEY	
A rare offering - traditional. 3+bd/2.5ba.	\$449,000
Spacious family home w/gourmet kit. 3bd/2.5ba.	\$439,000
Wonderful 3bd/2.5ba contemp. plus 2bd/1ba unit.	\$399,000
Price reduced. 3bd/3ba Medit. Remod. kitchen/baths.	\$318,000
Enormous vacant - well maintained duplex.	\$269,000
Elegant 2 story craftsman. 2+bd/1.5ba.	\$259,000
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New listing. Charming stucco home. 2bd/1ba.	\$219,000
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KENSINGTON

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Bright brown shingle home. Master suite.\$295,000

OAKLAND

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New listing. A rare find. Gracious home.\$179,000

2+bd, great garden. close to BART & shopping.\$149,000

POINT RICHMOND

1+bd/1ba townhome with stunning views.\$155,000

RICHMOND

Income. 6 units. 2 separate buildings.\$395,000

NEW LISTING. Craftsman 4bd/2ba in N&E.\$189,000

Charming craftsman style 2bd starter home.\$115,000

3bd/1ba home. Bath/kitchen have been remodeled.\$ 89,500

1bd condo unit. Fireplace. Community pool/spa.\$ 78,888

Great starter home. 2bd/2ba, fenced yard.\$ 65,000

RICHMOND ANNEX

Roomy 3bd/1ba. Immaculate.\$182,000

New Listing. Sparkling! 3+bd/1.5ba, family room.\$179,900

3bd/2ba remodeled home. New appl., paint.\$179,000

RICHMOND VIEW

NEW LISTING! 2+bd/2.5ba, 2 frpls, x-lrg decks.\$194,950

Super 3bd/2.5ba townhome! New carpet, paint.\$189,950

2bd/1+ba condo. 2 car garage.\$169,000

2bd/1.5ba spacious end unit.\$159,000

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Mint condition. New carpets. 2bd/1ba.\$112,888

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Student co-op freezes rents for two years

The University Students' Co-operative Association board of directors unanimously agreed recently to freeze rents at current levels for the next two years.

The decisions means rents for room and board in the coop cannot exceed \$1,767 per semester. The USCA is Berkeley's second-largest landlord after the University of California.

Almost 1,200 students live in the houses and apartments which make up the coop.

A non-profit organization dedicated to providing low-cost student housing, the USCA is student-owned, and student-run.

In order to implement the rent freeze, the organization is exploring several cost-cutting plans. The organization's permanent staff will be downsized for greater efficiency.

Additionally, energy conservation, preventive maintenance and increased recruitment are being explored as ways to save money.

The rising cost of attending UC was one of the reasons for the move, said Jason Taylor, president of USCA's board.

Pincetich named new director

The City of Berkeley Rent Stabilization Board Chairman Kathleen DeVries has appointed Daniel Pincetich as the new executive director.

"Pincetich, recently the city manager of Pacifica, has 15 years of experience in city management which will be invaluable in managing Berkeley's Rent Stabilization Board," said DeVries.

Prior to becoming city manager for Pacifica in 1985, Pincetich was assistant city manager of Ventura for over six years. He holds advanced degrees from the University of Southern California, a masters in public administration and a masters in international relations.

He will assume his new position as executive director Nov. 1. Pincetich stated that his immediate goal will be to "get acquainted with the staff and learn how the board operates."

Pincetich will replace outgoing executive director Allen Stansbury.

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Exquisitely crafted English Tudor, leaded windows. Georgia Cornell
17038 BROADWAY TERR, OAKLAND HILLS - 4BD/3+BA.....\$795,000
New listing! Exquisite contemp, spectacular SF bay views. Patty Scott
5321 GOLDEN GATE, UPPER ROCKRIDGE.....\$750,000
Beautifully restored architectural gem on 1/2 acre. Bonnie Hirsch
5410 FERNHOFF ROAD, SKYLINE - 4BD/2+BA.....\$749,000
Fantasy dream house! Indoor & outdoor pools, sauna. Sally Morrison
1 PROSPECT ROAD, PIEDMONT - 4BD/2+BA.....\$675,000
English traditional, gourmet kitchen, lovely gardens. Rosalie Woods
671 CARLSTON, CROCKER HIGHLANDS - 4BD/3+BA.....\$639,900
Architect designed Mediterranean, superb detailing. Joan Daniel
110 ST. JAMES DRIVE, PIEDMONT - 3BD/2+BA.....\$629,000
Custom contemporary, beautiful landscaped gardens. Sally Morrison
5874 MARGARITO, CLAREMONT PINES - 4BD/3+BA.....\$619,000
One of a few 1939 Monterey Colonials, privacy. Brooks Anderson
1061 STERLING AVENUE, BERKELEY HILLS - 3BD/2+BA.....\$579,000
Spacious, light Medit, fabulous bay views from deck. Dee Knowland
5119 FAIRHILL COURT, RIDGEMONT - 4BD/3+BA.....\$465,000
Elegant home, k/family room, large level lot. Georgia Richardson
5958 GLENARMS DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2+BA.....\$425,000
New listing! Mostly level 1+ year old home, play area. Wendy Gardner
4306 CHAMBERLIN COURT, RIDGEMONT - 4BD/3+BA.....\$405,000
New listing! Cul-de-sac, large fam rm, huge level yard. Robyn Mohr

25 MASONIC PLACE, UPPER ROCKRIDGE - 4BD/2BA.....\$399,950
Level living on cul-de-sac, lovely master suite. Charlene Claybaugh
3788 LAKESHORE AVENUE, LAKESHORE - 3BD/2+BA.....\$349,950
Elegant, bright traditional, with sun room, deck & yard. Joan Dark
5665 CABOT DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2+BA.....\$339,000
Reduced: Close to Village, updated kitchen, family room. Kathy Flynn
1096 CLARENDON CRESCENT, CROCKER - 2+BD/1BA.....\$329,000
Reduced! Prime location, arch gem, level back yard. Kirk Phillips
91 KIMBERLIN HEIGHTS, CRESTMONT - 3+BD/3BA.....\$329,000
New listing! Sweeping SF view, huge rumpus room. Michelle Miller
6757 BANNING DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3+BD/2BA.....\$299,000
Level tree-studded lot, dry/closets, private deck. Donna Costella
5619 MILES AVENUE, ROCKRIDGE - 3BD/1BA.....\$245,000
New listing! Charming! Walk to College Ave. & BART. C. Elinghaus
3922 LA CRESTA, GLENVIEW - 2BD/1BA.....\$242,900
Stylish, contemporary bungalow w/kitchen/fam room combination leads level out to charming deck & lawn. Many upgrades! Victoria Rodkin
5659 BROADWAY AVENUE, ROCKRIDGE - 3BD/2BA.....\$239,500
Reduced! Sunny, upgraded, great space, convenient location. Teri Carlisle
5955 BALBOA DRIVE, MONTCLAIR - 3BD/2BA.....\$237,500
New listing! Tahoe-like retreat, den, loft, garden. Lindsey Murray
5308 LOCKSLEY AVENUE, ROCKRIDGE - 2BD/1BA.....\$229,000
Just listed! Craftsman starter, original detailing, yard. Howard Rodkin
3758 SILVERWOOD AVENUE, LAUREL - 3BD/1BA.....\$223,000
Light, bright Cape Cod, plus room, large level yard. Thomas Wurst

BY APPOINTMENT

EXCEPTIONAL PROPERTY - PIEDMONT.....\$990,000
Architect designed for active living & elegant entertaining. All one level, open floor plan, lovely private patios. Nancy Donnelly
CENTRAL PIEDMONT MEDITERRANEAN.....\$849,000
New listing! Exceptional renovation! SF/bay views, level out to yard. 3+BD/2+BA, exquisite architectural detail. Georgia Cornell
NEW CONSTRUCTION.....\$695,000
New home currently under construction, est. completion next month. 5BD/3+BA, bay view, wonderful yard and gardens. Teri Carlisle
CENTRAL PIEDMONT TRADITIONAL.....\$649,000
Walk to schools and shopping. Cul-de-sac location, 3BD/2+BA, plus room, fabulous new kitchen, patio & garden. Francis Heath
MASTER CRAFTED SHOWCASE.....\$569,000
Spectacular 2-yr old contemp, dramatic open floor plan, quality amenities, ultimate kit, fam rm, loft, serene views. Teri Carlisle
VICTORIAN DUPLEX & COTTAGE.....\$550,000
A showplace! Charm throughout with gorgeous owner's unit, leaded glass windows, 2 frpls, fabulous gardens. Rich Gould
UNBEATABLE OPPORTUNITY.....\$489,000
To be constructed - 2,750 sq ft. 4BD/2+BA home w/all the amenities. Long standing experienced builder. Call for details. Teri Carlisle
BAY/CANYON VIEW - RIDGEMONT.....\$459,000
Beautiful views from most rooms, versatile floor plan, 4BD/3BA, family room plus huge bonus room, 30-car garage. Robyn Mohr
UPPER ROCKRIDGE TRADITIONAL.....\$449,500
Easy entertaining with level out decks from kit & lower level fam rm. 4BD/3+BA, spectacular kit, large sunny yard. Patricia Scott
PIEDMONT SIDE OF MONTCLAIR.....\$449,000
Beautifully maintained, 1 owner home w/bay views in a dramatic setting. 4BD/2+BA, rec room, lush landscaping. Georgia Cornell
VERSATILITY AND CHARM - MONTCLAIR.....\$419,000
Spacious home w/separate studio. 5BD/4BA, rumpus w/frpl, lg entertaining deck off sunny lanai, 2-car garage. Chuck Corwin
WONDERFUL BAY VIEW.....\$415,000
Level-in traditional, remodeled kitchen & bath, extra large deck off rumpus room, 3+BD/2BA, nicely landscaped. Francis Heath

SERENE PRIVATE SETTING - MONTCLAIR.....\$409,000
Four yr old custom home w/fab bay views. 3BD/2+BA, exquisite master suite, new kitchen, gracious dining room. Nancy Donnelly
CROCKER HIGHLANDS TUDOR.....\$385,000
Beautiful English, rich in architectural detail. Elegant LR w/solarium, updated kit, lg formal DR, 4BD/4BA, rumpus. Georgia Cornell
BAY & CANYON VIEWS - MONTCLAIR.....\$375,000
Piedmont side of Montclair! Level-in, fabulous outside area for entertaining, garden view dining, 4BD/2BA. Nancy Donnelly
SWEETING VIEWS - RIDGEMONT.....\$359,000
Located on a quiet cul-de-sac, 3BD/2+BA, fabulous canyon and south bay vistas, level yard, large deck. Robyn Mohr
TRADITIONAL ELEGANCE.....\$349,950
Recently upgraded home, ideal for entertaining. Gracious living & dining rms, 5BD/2+BA, sun rm & formal DR. Charlene Claybaugh
PRIVATE SETTING - UPPER ROCKRIDGE.....\$319,000
Bright contemp in wooded setting. Filtered views, remodeled kit, 4BD/3BA, fam rm, home office pot., brick patio. Wendy Gardner
BERKELEY FIXER.....\$279,000
Walk to Shattuck Ave. Two story traditional on corner lot. 3+BD/2BA, formal dining room with frpl. Owner will carry. Francis Heath
TWO UNIT VICTORIAN - LAKE MERRITT.....\$249,000
Absolutely gorgeous with original detailing. 1BD/1BA lower unit; 2BD/2BA upper unit w/views, remodeled kit, fam rm. D. Costella
CHARMING CAPE COD.....\$223,000
Roomy 3BD/1BA home in prime Laurel location. Eat-in kitchen, formal dining, hardwood floors, large level yard. Thomas Wurst
BEST PRICE IN BEST NEIGHBORHOOD.....\$219,000
Crocker Highlands 2BD/1BA Tudor, plus room/office, remodeled kitchen, formal dining, hwdw floors, level-out yard. Wyn Stephens
HADDON HILL TRADITIONAL.....\$214,000
Reduced! A special property, conveniently located. 2BD/1BA, eat-in kit, formal dining, large attic with sun rm. Nancy Donnelly
RARE ONE LEVEL TOWNHOUSE.....\$202,000
Reduced! 2BD/2BA including master suite, fam rm, just painted, new carpet throughout, level yard, patio, 2-car gar. Robyn Mohr

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5981 Grivin Drive.....4+BR, 3BA.....\$1,000,000
Oakland hills deco-lectic. New artistic gem! Decor! D.C. MURRAY
5561 Country Club.....3+BR, 3 1/2BA.....\$639,000
Claremont Pines - walking distance to Claremont CC. Almost all level - sunny rooms. Sue Williams
5432 Carlton.....4BR, 2 1/2BA.....\$385,000
Claremont - charming traditional overlooks golf club. Helen Nichols
6898 Oakwood Drive.....3BR, 2BA.....\$339,000
Stunning 5-year new contemp. FR, FDR, marble mst bath. Quiet Montclair area. Jeff Hilt
5710 Moraga Avenue.....2BR, 2BA.....\$329,000
Montclair - Piedmont border. Designer remodel on 17,400 sq ft lot. So private! Helen Nichols
4164 Wilshire Blvd.....2+BR, 3BA.....\$325,000
1 in a million view, style, possibilities - great in-law, live/work space. Rachel Bialer
4305 Fair Avenue.....3BR, 3BA.....\$279,000
Just reduced! New construction with bay views. Family room could be 4th BD. Carol Cohen
4175 Eastlake.....3BR, 2BA.....\$269,000
Choice Redwood Hts. Sunny, spacious, bay view, large yard. Many extras. Must sell. Harriet Shinn
4151 Greenwood.....3+BR, 1+BA.....\$265,000
Glenview level-in, near shops & bus. Large bsmt, sunny quiet street, Crocker school. Lois C. Johnson
3027 Sylvan Avenue.....3BR, 1 1/2BA.....\$239,000
Laurel charmer. Sunlit breakfast rm, fam rm, lovely built-ins & solar water. Carin Caroe
132 Entrada Avenue.....3BR, 1BA.....\$209,900
Piedmont Ave. area fixer. For owner or investor. Excellent opportunity for both. Ed Lindorfer
1327 Carleton Street, Berkeley.....3BR, 1BA.....\$199,500
Another reduction. Owner says sell now. Motivation is your key to good value. Ed Lindorfer
2732 Madeline Street.....2BR, 1BA.....\$183,000
Laurel beauty! Perfect home for first-time buyers. Sunny, immaculate, adorable! Sandy Wynn
3027 56th Avenue.....2+BR, 1BA.....\$171,000
Mills College, decorator perfect, lg lvrn & FDR, fireplace & fenced yard. Jan Lipp

BY APPOINTMENT

CLAREMONT PINES ELEGANCE.....\$995,000
New construction w/traditional details & state-of-art systems! 4BR, 3BA, huge fam rm, formal DR + brk. rm. Cul-de-sac, level yd. HELEN NICHOLAS
CUSTOM RIDGEMONT.....\$639,000
5BR, 3BA, 1/2 acre with iron gate. High ceilings, wonderful home for family & entertaining, 1,700 sq ft. MARTHA SHIN
MINI ESTATE.....\$598,000
Skyline zoned for horses. Nice pool, large family home. Needs TLC. Over 1 acre. Private. HELEN BUTY
PIEDMONT - PERFECT MASTER APT.....\$595,000
A fabulous, tasteful 3+BR/2BA home. lovely outdoor living area. Level, views, income from 4 2BR units. D.C. HODGES
DISTINCTIVE SPANISH-OAKMORE.....\$575,000
Original quality details, ideal for entertaining and family, cul-de-sac, 5BR, 3.5BA, view, sauna, hot tub, au pair. MARTHA SHIN
OAKMORE PANORAMIC BAY VIEW.....\$553,000
Golden Gate & beyond! Remodeled w/marble, white oak, 4BR, 4+BA, solarium & den. Garden. HELEN NICHOLAS
OUTSTANDING FAMILY HOME.....\$449,000
Sunny and spacious, hardwood floors, family room with wet bar, level yard. MARTHA SHIN
PRIDE & PRIVACY.....\$409,000
This executive home has been upgraded w/care, 4BR, 3BA, family rm w/fp, spacious decks, hot tub. MARTHA SHIN
PIEDMONT - QUALITY OF LIFE.....\$399,000
Sophisticated - easy commute, close to park. Best schools, 3BR cottage, 2 full BA. Level-in. LOIS C. JOHNSON
LIKE TO LUXURIATE?.....\$395,000
Sequoyah Hts parklike setting with pool/spa and picture perfect, house beautiful interior. JAN NEFF
MONTCLAIR CREEKSIDE.....\$389,000
3/4 acre adjoining parkland. Rustic, priv. Ahwahnee style. 2+BR, 2BA, den, walk to Village. HELEN NICHOLAS
REDWOODS, OAKS & PRIVACY!.....\$349,000
French doors lead out to serenity & bay view. 3BR, 2 1/2BA. Fresh decor, fabulous master BR. HELEN NICHOLAS
A THOUSAND WORDS.....\$349,000
Can't begin to describe this charming & spacious Oakmore trad. 4BR, 2 1/2BA, excellent neighborhood. MARTHA SHIN
GRAND OAKMORE TRADITIONAL.....\$339,000
Towering vaulted beam ceiling, French casement windows, 5BR, rec rm, formal DR, garden. HELEN NICHOLAS
LEVEL TOP OF MONTCLAIR.....\$319,000
Views of Mt. Diablo plus bay. One level living, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, attached garage, low maintenance yard. HAL CASTLE
PIEDMONT PINES REMODELED.....\$318,000
Elegant contemporary in peaceful, private setting. Stunning Golden Gate view. 3BR, 2BA. HELEN NICHOLAS
PEACEFUL CANYON SETTING.....\$299,000
Tahoe setting, city retreat. Large 3BR, hot tub, decks, 1 owner, contemp, move-in cond. Large garage. LOIS C. JOHNSON

CONDOS

LOCATION, LOCATION, LUXURY.....\$219,500
Young condo complex features redwood trees, "walk-to" convenience, 2BR/2BA, den, perfect decor! D.C. HODGES
UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY.....\$179,000
Adams Pt. Like having your own home! This 3BR/2BA has its own floor, laundry & much style. LYN MURRAY
REDUCED! LUXURY PENTHOUSE.....\$175,000
Piedmont Ave. 2 level living, 2 master suites. Gourmet kitchen with eating area and pantry. CAROL COHEN
ECLECTIC EMERYVILLE!.....\$148,000
3 bedroom townhouse lovingly maintained in Emery Bay Village. Minutes to all conveniences. CAROL COHEN
PARENTS: KICK OUT THE KID!.....\$75,000
Purchase this large 1BR/1BA condo for your student. Pay less than rent, with bus at door! D.C. HODGES

LOTS

VIEW - LOCATION - PRICE.....\$139,000
Claremont Knolls. Bay/Mt. Tam view. Entrance both sides. Seller may carry. CARIN CAROE
REDUCED AND MOTIVATED!.....\$59,900
Nearly level. North of Hiller. Area is rapidly (& nicely!) redeveloping. Close to Berkeley & Hwy 24. LYN MURRAY

INCOME

HUGE OWNER'S LEVEL-IN UNIT.....\$475,000
Plus 3 2BR rentals. Gorgeous condition. High in hills. Views. Quality tenants. Ambiance! D.C. HODGES
FABULOUS ROCKRIDGE TRIPLEX.....\$299,000
Polished turn-of-the-century units. High income, great owner's flat. Priced below duplexes! STEVEN BIASATTI

LEASE

BAY VIEW, NEARLY NEW HOME.....\$1,600 mo.
3BR, 2 1/2BA. 2 car gar. 1 yr or more lease. Cook's kitchen with family room. HELEN NICHOLAS
HERITAGE OF CLAREMONT.....\$1,350 mo.
Excellent location, top floor, bay view, adjacent to golf course. Transportation, many other amenities. EB LINDORFER

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1900 MOUNTAIN BLVD.



Price

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comprehensive marketing plan will make your home the most visible on the market and, in turn, generate the most consumer interest.

Finally, and most important, your home must be priced according to current market value. Today's housing market is driven by emotion and almost wholly by price.

You may have a wonderful home in a great location, but if it is priced too high, it will not sell easily.

History and experience show that properly priced homes are 95 percent sold when they reach the market.

Buyers are extremely savvy today. They want the best value for what they are buying, especially because there have been very good buys lately. Because very few properties sell on advertising alone, your marketing program must include both strategic pricing and target marketing.

Waiting out the market

Although the residential real estate markets have been volatile



John Karnay, The GRUBB Co.

in the last few years, houses that are priced correctly are selling quickly — and receiving multiple offers.

Many sellers are turning to renting their home in hope that property values will begin to appreciate as in the 1980s. However, renting your home may not generate enough income to cover mortgage, property tax and insurance pay-

ments, and there are no guarantees that properties will have appreciated when it comes time to sell.

On a positive note, what you have lost by selling in a declining market, you will gain when buying a new home, particularly if you are trading up in price within the same marketplace.

Starting too high

Some home sellers price their homes too high to allow for negotiation. Buyers are wary of making a low offer for fear of offending the seller.

If your home is priced higher than 5 to 10 percent of market value, a buyer may not even consider making an offer on your home in the first place.

Pricing it right

Because most activity happens in the first two weeks on the market, it is important that your home is priced competitively from the beginning. In fact, homes that are on the market for long periods of time tend to be stigmatized. Furthermore, in a declining market, time will erode the sales price and

your home will lose value.

Pricing a home correctly is not an exact science, but there is a definite process to finding its current value which is facilitated by market experience and knowledge.

First, the price of your home should relate to recent selling — not asking — prices of comparable properties either in the immediate neighborhood or comparable neighborhoods.

Next, you should take into account any unusual qualities about your home that may affect value. For example, a new kitchen can add value, or an undesirable location near a noisy freeway will decrease value.

Finally, because we all have significant emotional attachment and biases to our homes, it may be helpful to employ a real estate professional to receive an objective opinion of value on your home by using in-depth experience and relevant market data to suggest an accurate sales price.

John Karnay is a Realtor with The GRUBB Co. in Montclair. He can be reached at 339-0400.



Jeff Lundquist

This new construction on Cochrane Avenue in the Oakland Hills sold within one month of listing. Offered at \$525,000, it sold for 95 percent of the asking price.

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2457 RAVENWOOD - Country setting - This 2 bedroom, 2 bath sunfilled home is on a large lovely lot. Easy access to shops or freeways. FRITZ HOCHFELLNER.....\$189,000

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6375 ESTATES.....	MONTCLAIR.....	4BD, 3BA.....	\$459,000.....	NANCY DICKEY
6216 ESTATES.....	MONTCLAIR.....	4BD, 3.5BA.....	\$449,000.....	JUDY RANKANKAN
11 HAWKS HILL.....	HILLER HIGHLANDS.....	3BD, 2.5BA.....	\$425,000.....	OLLIE HAMMEREL
19 BINNACLE HILL.....	HILLER HIGHLANDS.....	2BD, 2BA.....	\$349,500.....	OLLIE HAMMEREL
2962 BURDECK DRIVE.....	MONTCLAIR.....	3BD, 3BA.....	\$349,500.....	RUBY NG
403 HILLER DRIVE.....	HILLER HIGHLANDS.....	3BD, 2.5BA.....	\$349,000.....	OLLIE HAMMEREL
2082 MELVIN ROAD.....	OAKMORE.....	3BD, 2.5BA.....	\$339,000.....	JUDY RANKANKAN
#7 WINDWARD HILL.....	HILLER HIGHLANDS.....	3BD, 2.5BA.....	\$335,000.....	OLLIE HAMMEREL
401 HILLER DRIVE.....	HILLER HIGHLANDS.....	3BD, 2.5BA.....	\$335,000.....	OLLIE HAMMEREL
457 HUDSON.....	ROCKRIDGE.....	3+BD, 1.5BA.....	\$319,000.....	DONNA DEBARDI
1891 TRESTLE GLEN.....	TRESTLE GLEN.....	3BD, 2.5BA.....	\$329,000.....	VICTOR FIERRO
666 WALAVISTA.....	CROCKER.....	3+BD, 1BA.....	\$297,500.....	PHYLLIS MILENBACH
6939 PASO ROBLES DR.....	MONTCLAIR.....	3BD, 2BA.....	\$295,000.....	JUDY RANKANKAN
4 SOUTHWOOD DR.....	ORINDA.....	3BD, 2BA.....	\$295,000.....	DONNA DEBARDI
1857 MAGELLAN DR.....	MONTCLAIR.....	3BD, 2.5BA.....	\$289,000.....	JINI KELLEY
2642 TULLER AVE.....	EL CERRITO.....	3BD, 1BA.....	\$279,000.....	VICTOR FIERRO
6537 GIRVIN.....	PIEDMONT PINES.....	3BD, 1.5BA.....	\$265,000.....	VICTOR FIERRO
2575 EL CAMINITO.....	PIEDMONT PINES.....	2BD, 1BA.....	\$239,500.....	DIAN HYMER
2320 8TH ST.....	BERKELEY.....	3BD, 2BA.....	\$179,000.....	VICTOR FIERRO

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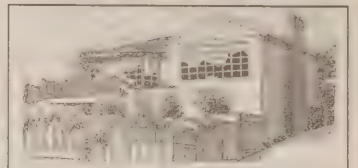
PIEDMONT CHARM.....	\$649,000	GRACIOUS SPANISH/MED. SF & BAY VIEWS. 5BD/4BA, office/den formal DR & more. Phyllis Milenbach	PRIVATE RETREAT.....	\$260,000	SPACIOUS 2 bedroom, 2 bath ranch style in Crocker Highlands on a large private lot. Open kitchen/family room. Dian Hymer
PIEDMONT - CAPE COD.....	\$595,000	Large formal rms, sunny kitchen level out to yard. Separate studio + bath for perfect home office. George Karsant	HEART OF MONTCLAIR.....	\$255,000	Walk to many conveniences. Well kept 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Level out to rear patio. 2 car garage. George Karsant
STATELY ENGLISH.....	\$559,000	Spacious, elegant 4+BD home with superb architectural details. On large, private corner lot. Dian Hymer	ALAMEDA UNITS.....	\$249,000	Historic opportunity. Queen Anne fixer with four apartments. To be sold "as is". Jini Kelley
SEQUOYAH BEAUTY.....	\$475,000	4000 sq ft. Medit., carefully maintained. Curb appeal, huge LR & BA, speakeasy bar. 4BD/3BA. Judy Maher	NESTLED INTREES.....	\$239,000	A wonderful hide-a-way w/level-in entry. Great Montclair location. 3 bedrooms, 2.5 baths. Two story home. Terry Kulka
ROCKRIDGE!.....	\$425,000	Creative floor plan and pretty design. 3BD, 3BA & rumpus - could be office. Patio & terraced garden. Judy Maher	REDWOOD HILLS II TOWNHOUSE.....	\$227,000	2 bedrooms, 2 baths, updated kitchen & bath. SF bay view. Formal dining, vaulted ceilings. Sherry Benninger
PIEDMONT PINES.....	\$398,000	4 year old contemporary. Spacious with lots of windows. Light & bright, 4BD, 3 1/2 BA, separate living suite & family room + 2 fireplaces. Norm Robinow	CHARMING SPANISH.....	\$215,000	Just listed. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath, recently redone. Light and open, fabulous garden, hardwood floors, fireplace. Stacy Winett
GLENNVIEW.....	\$369,000	Fabulous brown shingle duplex. Large units, wooded view, extra space & storage. Adrienne Broche	LAUREL LIVING.....	\$154,500	Picket fence charmer. New deck overlooking a small garden. Sun filled eat-in kitchen. Interior laundry area. 2 bedrooms, 1 bath. Jack Breneman
CHABOT HIGHLANDS.....	\$349,500	South bay views form spacious 2 level ranch. 3 fireplaces, family room, master bedroom plus 2 big bedrooms, 3 baths, deck & patio. Ruth Lockhart	MILLS COLLEGE.....	\$145,000	Charming 2 bedroom, 1 bath bungalow. with fireplace and breakfast room. Nice backyard. Downstairs rm could be a 3rd bedroom. Nancy Welk
PIEDMONT PRIDE.....	\$335,000	3BD, 2BA pleasantly proportioned Victorian set among the trees. Living room has 16 ft ceiling, fireplace & grand bay window. Ruth Lockhart	OAKLAND HILLS.....	\$141,500	3 bedroom, 1 bath Cape Cod style home. New carpet & interior paint. Partial bay view & large yard. Kevin McMullen
WALK TO MONTCLAIR VILLAGE.....	\$330,000	Very sharp contemporary ranch w/4BD, 3BA. 2 spacious decks w/ hot tub, formal DR & rec rm. Nancy Dickey	COZY LAUREL STARTER.....	\$131,000	Sunny and bright 2 bedroom, 1 bath bungalow. Nice backyard with patio. Will have new lawn. Neat as a pin! Fritz Hochfellner
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RARE ALBANY 4 BEDROOM.....\$365,000
Sunny & bright brown shingle, completely updated with skylights, hardwood floors, beautiful kitchen, baths and master suite. Walk to schools, shops and transportation.

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SUN-FILLED ELEGANCE IN PRESTIGIOUS MONTCLAIR.....\$589,000
Elegance & simplicity are the themes for this gracious 3BR, 2BA customized showplace on the Piedmont side of Montclair. Enjoy cooking in the gourmet, Euro-designed kitchen & hill vistas from the unusually level back yard.

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2216 LOS ANGELES.....	BERKELEY.....	5+BR/3BA.....	\$695,000.....	NACIO JAN BROWN
140 FOREST LANE.....	BERKELEY.....	3BR/2BA.....	\$425,000.....	TRICIA SWIFT
1160 GRIZZLY PEAK.....	BERKELEY.....	2BR/2BA.....	\$329,000.....	SALLY HENDRICKSON
2642 BENVENUE.....	BERKELEY.....	3+BR/2BA.....	\$279,000.....	MONA THOMPSON
1054 GRIZZLY PEAK.....	BERKELEY.....	4BR/2BA.....	\$325,000.....	HEIDI LONG
2864 SHASTA.....	BERKELEY.....	3BR, 2BA.....	\$309,000.....	KIM MARIENTHAL
1111 JONES.....	BERKELEY.....	3BR/2BA.....	\$189,000.....	MELISSA LYCKBERG
850 KEELER.....	BERKELEY.....	2+BR/1BA.....	\$339,000.....	GILDA WALDMAN
654 BELOIT.....	KENSINGTON.....	3BR, 2BA.....	\$325,000.....	TRICIA SWIFT
946 TAYLOR.....	ALBANY.....	4BR/3BA.....	\$365,000.....	KIM CLEVELAND
7668 STOCKTON.....	EL CERRITO.....	3+BR/2BA.....	\$268,000.....	HENRY CHANG
249 BEHRENS.....	EL CERRITO.....	2+BR/1BA.....	\$225,000.....	MELISSA LYCKBERG

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BERKELEY ★ KENSINGTON ★ ALBANY ★ EL CERRITO ★ RICHMOND

GRAND SCALE BERKELEY BROWN SHINGLE.....	\$695,000	JUST LISTED! Magical throughout with original detailing intact. Beautiful 3BR/1+BA main house with views, formal dining room, hwdw floors, w/downstairs 1BR/1BA in-law. Wonderful rear garden with enchanting 1BR/1BA cottage plus detached office. One of a kind N. Berkeley property.	BAY VIEWS FROM EVERY ROOM.....	\$309,000	MAJOR PRICE REDUCTION! Dramatic Berkeley hills contemplative w/floor to ceiling glass in living room. 3BR, 2BA, new hwdw & tile floors, updated kitchen & secluded patio.
GORGEOUS BERKELEY NORMANDY.....	\$555,000	Stunning bay views from this unique architectural beauty in the Berkeley hills. Charm and style throughout from the graceful staircases to the circular dining room with its own bay views. 3+BR, 2BA plus downstairs recreation room and private terraced garden.	EL CERRITO HILLS.....	\$309,000	Solid quality, solid value high in the El Cerrito hills. 4 bedrooms, 3 baths, north bay views from your living room, dining room & deck, flexible floor plan, 2 fireplaces, plus convenient location close to Kensington border.
FRENCH TRADITIONAL IN THE BERKELEY HILLS.....	\$540,000	JUST LISTED! Incredible quality and finish in this stunning French Traditional. Courtyard garden entry, great views from living and dining rooms, updated gourmet kitchen, deck off living room and quiet, private back yard. 2BR + 3rd bedroom converted to large library/study.	ALBANY CONTEMPORARY STYLE.....	\$279,000	PRICE REDUCED! Albany city views from this 3 bedroom, 3 bath home on Albany hill. 2 story, skylights, fireplace and downstairs recreation room.
SPANISH MEDITERRANEAN IN EXCLUSIVE 1000 OAKS.....	\$435,000	JUST LISTED! Gracious Mediterranean needs work, but has loads of potential. 4BR, 2BA, family room, formal dining, and expansive living room. Quiet, serene back yard.	BERKELEY BROWN SHINGLE.....	\$275,000	JUST LISTED! The charm of this one will warm your heart. 3BR, 2BA with a sunroom, formal dining, and hardwood floor. Walk to campus or shops and restaurants.
FULL OF LIGHT AND BAY VIEWS.....	\$425,000	MAJOR PRICE REDUCTION! Architecturally stunning home in the Berkeley hills, designed by Clark, built by Tondre. Knock-out views, elegant details, gleaming hwdw flrs, serene shaded patio w/fountain & views. 3BR, 2BA & formal dining.	PANORAMIC VIEWS FROM EL CERRITO.....	\$268,000	INCREDIBLE VALUE! Two story contemporary with 3+ bedrooms, 2 baths, large living room with fireplace, hardwood floors and views of the bay.
SET IN THE TREES.....	\$325,000	Exceptionally charming 4BR/2BA cottage style in the Berkeley hills, very private and warm. Vaulted ceiling in living room, formal dining, hardwood floors. Two stories with 2BR up and 2BR down. Perfect for in-law or au pair.	BERKELEY BUNGALOW IN WESTBRAE AREA.....	\$248,000	JUST LISTED! Berkeley charm abounds in this 2BR bungalow with original fireplace, built-ins in formal dining room, eat-in kitchen & large yard. Includes basement and workshop.
			A REAL GEM IN EL CERRITO.....	\$225,000	JUST LISTED! This sun-filled El Cerrito home glows! Move-in condition with updated kitchen, formal dining, fireplace, random plank floors plus large backyard with playroom/family room.
			OAKLAND BROWN SHINGLE CRAFTSMAN.....	\$139,000	What a doll! Original wood detailing, boxed beam ceilings, built-ins, formal dining, large entry way. Plus a large rear deck with a bay view! Recently painted and ready to move in.

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Three 'designer' playhouses are up for bid

Habitat for Humanity hosts annual fundraiser for low-income housing

Three architect-designed children's playhouses will be sold by auction Saturday, Oct. 22 at Habitat for Humanity's "Humanifest '94: Building Homes, Building Community," Habitat's annual fundraising dinner/auction.

The Pinwheel Playhouse, left, designed by Siegel & Strain Architects and constructed by Creative Spaces, is a towering adventure. Platforms step up inside the square tower in a pinwheel plan. Openings at each level are connected to the outside by a ramp, steps, a slide and a balcony — and all colorfully painted by local artist Diana Reiss. (The playhouse is currently on display at the Kaiser Center, 300 Lakeside Dr., Oakland.)

The Treyfoyle Castle, designed

by Jarvis Architects and constructed by Jarvis Architects & Friends/Singlestad Construction, is a medieval castle distilled to the scale of a children's clubhouse. The exterior features steeply pitched roofs and crenelated towers; inside, children will love the brightly colored arched trusses, and the ladder that connects the main hall to a dungeon below and an attic above. (Currently on display at the APL Building, 1111 Broadway, Oakland.)

Villa Roma, designed by Ace Architects and constructed by J.M. O'Neill, Inc., is quintessential Spanish, inspired by California's Spanish revival period. The mission, the courtyard, and the Moorish palace come together with a Spanish flourish of brilliant colors and decorative tiles. (Currently on display at Lake Merritt Plaza, 1999 Harrison St., Oakland.)

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The Pinwheel Playhouse, left, colorfully painted by local artist Diana Reiss, features a ramp, steps, slide and a balcony.

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Absolutely the best buy for a perfect home in move-in condition! Country with lots of hardwood floors & beamed ceilings! Absolutely gorgeous!
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Already great value, just became fantastic value for 3+ bdrm, 1.5 bath w/den, home office, enclosed spa surrounded by decks and yard, formal dining w/ fireplace, extras. SHERDELLA SIMS 339-4000

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Upper Glenview traditional in quiet neighborhood w/3+ bdrms, 2 baths, hardwood floors and formal dining room. Large yard w/patio & full basement.
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Totally redone: refinished hwd flrs, upgraded kitchen, skylight, all in top condition. MICHAEL HARDING 339-4000

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This stylish and comfortable duplex is in a good family neighborhood. Excellent condition, two fireplaces and is priced right. Call now.
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Big beautiful family home located on a quiet street. Well maintained w/2 baths & kitchen! Nice woodwork inside with bay window & seat.
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Check this price! \$99,000 for this cozy 2 bdrm, 1 bath home. New roof, freshly painted, hardwood floors and a huge backyard. A great buy.
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When it's your move ...

Auction

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houses would cost more than \$10,000 if contracted privately. Minimum bids will begin at \$2,000 for each house.

In addition to the houses, there will be more than 100 other items at the silent and live auction, ranging from affordable gifts and dinnerware to local restaurants to fabulous getaway vacations, precious jewelry, autographed collectibles and other surprises.

John Kessler of KRON will be master of ceremonies for the event and special guests will include Senator Nick Petris and "The House Doctor" Ron Hazelton. Live musical entertainment will be provided by the Susan Muscarella Trio.

Humanifest '94 kicks off at 6 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Temple in downtown Oakland with the silent auction. Sit-down dinner, provided by R.S.V.P. of Alameda, and the live auction start at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$100 per person. For more information on how to purchase tickets, call 251-6304.

Profits from Humanifest '94 will assist Habitat for Humanity in the building of 40 affordable homes at Sobrante Park in East Oakland.

Founded in 1987, East Bay Habitat for Humanity is a non-profit home construction organization that builds houses for home ownership in partnership with low and very low-income families who purchase the homes.

Help is out there for first-time buyers

Everyone is talking about affordable housing. It is the American dream to own a home of your own. With the prices of homes in California this is often out of the reach of many people. In addition, the rising interest rates have washed away some of the purchasing power.

We often hear "I can easily afford the house payment, it's less than I pay in rent, I just don't have enough for a downpayment AND closing costs, too."

The California Housing Finance Agency (CHFA) has the answer. It allows a first-time homebuyer to put as little as 3 percent down and, with the new Mortgage Downpayment Program (MDP), finance the recurring closing costs with a second mortgage that does not become due until the CHFA 97 percent loan is paid in full, or the property is sold.

And, the seller is encouraged to pay the non-recurring closing costs, thus allowing the buyer to move in with just the 3 percent down payment.

It is available only in high-cost areas of California. In the Bay Area, the following counties qualify: Alameda, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Francisco, San Mateo, Solano and Sonoma.

Additional guidelines for a CHFA loan include:

- Minimum of 3 percent down from the borrower's own funds.
- Income debt standard of 28/36; that



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is, 28 percent of your gross monthly income for housing expense and no more than 36 percent of your gross monthly income for housing plus all other monthly debt payments (28/36 with compensating factors).

- CHFA sells mortgage revenue bonds (MRBs) that are exempt from federal taxation to finance take-out loans for first-time low-to-moderate income homebuyers.

Since the bond proceeds are federally tax exempt, they are subject to special federal requirements under the Federal Tax Code. These special eligibility requirements include: sale price limits; income limits; first-time homebuyer in non-target area; owner occupancy; and recapture tax.

- Borrowers must be first-time homebuyers. A first-time homebuyer is defined as a person who has not had an ownership interest in his/her principal residence at any time during the last three years. This rule does not apply to properties located in a federally designated target area.

ated target area.

(Target areas are federally designated low-income areas generally located in urban areas that have been identified by census tracts. Borrowers purchasing homes in target areas are exempt from the first-time homebuyer rule and are eligible for higher income and sales price limits.)

- Buyer must occupy the property.

- Borrower's family income cannot exceed established program income limits.

- Sales price limits apply. Studios and duplexes are not eligible.

- Generally, CHFA funds are for 30-year fixed rate loans. There is a new CHFA ARM (adjustable rate mortgage) loan with no negative amortization. It is valuable for high-cost areas only. It will allow a 2.5 percent downpayment from the borrower's own funds and a 2.5 percent gift for a total downpayment of 5 percent of the purchase price. The maximum loan is 95 percent loan to value under this program.

- Tax law requires that all loans be subject to a special recapture provision (a federal income tax provision) not to exceed 6.25 percent of the original loan amount (less certain adjustments) or 50 percent of the borrower's gain on the sale of the property if the property is sold within nine years of purchase — whichever is less. A special disclosure statement will be provided when CHFA conditionally approves the loan.

- CHFA loans must have mort-

gage insurance for the life of the loan regardless of loan to value.

- Initially, each bond issue has an established interest rate for all mortgages originated under that specific commitment. Subsequent offerings of the same bond funds may be made at different interest rates.

- Lenders may charge a maximum of 1 percent loan origination fee plus \$350 processing fee and all normal recurring and non-recurring closing costs as allowed.

Lenders cannot charge for other internal cost items such as underwriting, processing, document preparation fees, etc., in excess of the \$350 fee mentioned above.

Discount points are based on the commitment. All loans are required to have monthly impound reserves set aside for annual mortgage insurance premiums, hazard insurance and real estate taxes. The impound accounts are required to be maintained for the life of the CHFA financed loan.

- CHFA loans are assumable, with prior written consent by the agency. The borrowers assuming the loan must meet special eligibility requirements and the sale price of the property must be within sales price limits in effect at the time of assumption.

- There are no prepayment penalties on CHFA loan.

Hannah Goody is owner of Goody Mortgage & Investment, Inc., Oakland. She can be reached at 658-8000.

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24 DRACENA AVE, PIEDMONT: MINDY SCOTT \$1,150,000
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26 REQUA RD, PIEDMONT: SANDRA VOGL \$1,145,000
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28 WILLOW GARDENS, PIEDMONT: DONALD GRUBB JR. \$929,000
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310 HIGHLAND AVE, PIEDMONT: LINDA E. MCCLAIN \$895,000
Traditional style, convenience & location! Beautifully renovated. Sunny garden entry. Spacious formal living & dining. Designer kitchen. Spacious family rm. Master suite w/frp/c.

322 BLAIR AVE, PIEDMONT: KAREN STARR \$839,950
Central Piedmont Traditional. Bright, level landscaped property. Spacious formal living & dining. Gorgeous kitchen/family rm—wonderful for casual entertaining. Wonderful master suite.

334 LA SALLE AVE, PIEDMONT: JEAN SIMMONS \$795,000
Placed w/beautiful architectural detail. Charming English country home. Elegantly landscaped in a large corner lot. Lovely formal rooms, 5 bedrooms, cozy family rm. Sparkling pool.

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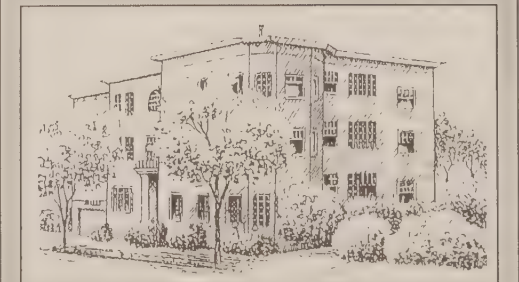
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Homeowner alert

"What Every Homeowner Should Know," is the topic of a free seminar for homeowners on Saturday, Oct. 22, 10 a.m. - noon at Mason-McDuffie's office at 10240 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito.

Issues to be addressed include the insurability of the home for the next owner in the face of tightening standards by

the insurance industry in California.

Staging a home for sale to maximum advantage, financing opportunities for sellers and minimizing termite and fungus damage are among other topics to be discussed by experts in each field.

"We'll make sure there's time for questions and informal conversation with the experts," said

office manager Marcia Schwartz, "and we'll be serving a light lunch and coffee."

A drawing will be held at noon for a free one-year home warranty valued at \$245, from Sierra National Home Warranty Corp., courtesy of Western America Mortgage.

Call Judy at 527-9800 to make a reservation.

Events

Herbalist Barbara Wilt lectures on Medicinal Plants, Saturday, Oct. 15, 1 - 1:30 p.m., at UC Botanical Garden Meeting Room, Centennial Dr., Berkeley. Free. Sponsored by California Rare Fruit Growers. Call 654-6001.

The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley, holds two classes on Saturday, Oct. 15: **How to Get Your Building Permit Approved**, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., \$70; and **Finish Carpentry Hands-On Workshop**, Sat. & Sun., 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., \$180. Call 525-7610 for reservations.

The **Third Anniversary Home Tour**, of 15 homes in the Oakland/Berkeley Fire Area is open to the public Sat. & Sun., Oct. 15 & 16. It is sponsored by the Oakland Architectural Heritage Association and the East Bay Journal. Hours are 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. daily. Tickets are \$20 per day; \$35 for both days; seniors \$10; and may be purchased at any home on the tour (a listing will appear in the Oct. 14 East Bay Journal). For more information, call 655-7221.

The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley, presents a two-day **Deckbuilding Hands-On Workshop**, Sundays, Oct. 16 & 23, 9:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. \$180. Call 525-7610 for reservations.

Selling Your Business Successfully, a workshop sponsored by the Hampton Group, is Wednesday evening, Oct. 19, at Hobee's Restaurant, 5765 Christie Ave., Emeryville. Topics include: how to get your business ready for sale; what business buyers are looking

for; how to successfully negotiate the highest price and terms for your business and putting a value on your business. Limited space; pre-registration required. Call 820-6084.

Mason-McDuffie sponsors **What Every Homeowner Should Know**, Saturday, Oct. 22, 10 a.m. - noon at their office at 10240 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito. Insurance, staging, financing and termite control are some of the topics on the agenda. Coffee and light refreshments. Reservations required. Call Judy at 527-9800.

East Bay Habitat for Humanity hosts **Humanifest '94: Building Homes, Building Community**, Saturday, Oct. 22, 6 p.m. at the Scottish Rite Temple in downtown Oakland. All proceeds from the dinner/auction benefit Habitat's home building projects for low-income families. Live entertainment. Tickets are \$100. Call 251-6304 for more information.

The Building Education Center, 812 Page St., Berkeley, presents **Electrical Code Fundamentals**, Wed., Oct. 26, 7 - 10 p.m. Fee is \$35. Call 525-7610 for reservations.

The **East Bay Women Artists Exhibition '94** runs through Oct. 28, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., at Kaiser Mezzanine Gallery, 300 Lakeside Dr., Oakland. Call 339-0348 for more information.

Gardening with Perennials, is the subject of a talk on Saturday, Oct. 29, 10 a.m. at Berkeley Horticultural Nursery, 1310 McGee Ave., Berkeley. Free. Call 526-4704.

Le Tip, Montclair Chapter of a **Networking Group** Wednesday, Oct. 19, 7 a.m., at Montclair Golf Restaurant, 2477 Montclair Ave., Oakland. Guests are welcome; meetings are free. Call Jo Sanderson at 536-1050 for information.

Dunsmuir House and Garden offers tours of the 37-room Victorian Revival mansion built by and for lumber baron Alexander Dunsmuir and visit the gardens surrounding the estate. The mansion is open for tours the first and third Sunday of each month; also every Wednesday, 1 p.m. the grounds are open - Friday, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. the first and third Sunday of each month. 2960 Peralta Oaks, Oakland. Call 562-3232.

Meetings of the Fujian Club take place the second day of each month, 7:30 p.m. at Buddhist Temple, 1524 Oct. Berkeley. Meetings are demonstrations and workshops are open to everyone. Call 9428.

UC Botanical Garden Free Plant Disease Clinic Saturday of each month. Bring plants or cuttings to the Meeting Room, 9 a.m. to noon. 642-3343.

For inclusion in the Evening, please send information to the Real Estate Section, Hills Publications, 5707 Redwood Rd., Oakland 94619, call 339-4047, or FAX 4066. Information must be received one week prior to publication.

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6632 LIGGETT, Pied Side, 2 Legal Homes On Gated 1/2 Acre Lot \$859,000
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5981 GIRVIN DR, 4+3/4 Oak Hills Deco-lectic New Artistic Gem! \$1,000,000
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5410 FERNHOFF RD, Skyline 4/3+ Fantasy Dm Hscl Pools, Sauna \$749,000
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Better Homes, Sue Williams 339-8400

671 CARLSTON, Crocker 4/3+, Archit Designed Medit \$639,900
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5874 MARGARIDO, Claremont Pines 4/3+ 1939 Monterey Colonial \$619,000
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5958 BUENA VISTA, Reduced! Rockridge New Const, 5/3 1/2, Vws \$589,000
Mason McDuffie, Bill Boze 339-9290/ 869-4216

5944 MILES AVE, Rockridge Stunning 4 Year Old Contemp, 4/2 \$550,000
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6638 LONGWALK, Montclair Nw Const, 4/3 1/2 Contemp Desgn, Frpls \$549,000
Wells & Bennett, Frank Hennefer 654-6461 MLS 032428

6330 PINEHAVEN RD, Montclair 3+2 1/2, Great For Entertaining! \$519,000
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5800 WESTOVER, New Const, New Pricel 3+3/4, Motivated Seller! \$499,000
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5119 FAIRHILL CT, Ridgemont Elegant 4/3, Kit Fam Rm, Lg Lvl Lot \$465,000
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6375 ESTATES DR, Pied Side Montclair, 4/3, Walk To Village \$459,000
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6216 ESTATES, Pied Side Montclair, Cstm 4/3 1/2, 2 Frms \$449,900
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50 BOWLES PL, Crocker Decorator Perfect Tudor, 3+2, Garden \$449,000
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11 HAWKS HILL, New Hiller Listing, 3/2 1/2, Granite/ Tile Throughout \$425,000
Coldwell Banker, Ollie Hammerel 339-1174

5958 GLENARMS DR, Nw Listing! Montclair 3/2, 1+ Yr Old, Ply Area \$425,000
Pacific Union, Wendy Gardner 339-6460

4309 CHAMBERLIN CT, New Listing! Ridgemont 4/3, Cul-de-sac \$405,000
Pacific Union, Robyn Mohr 339-6460

25 MASONIC PL, Upper Rockridge 4/2, Level Living On Cul-de-sac \$399,950
Pacific Union, Charlene Claybaugh 339-6460

6654 LIGGETT DR, 3+2+2, A Traditional Dream With Privacy \$399,000
Better Homes Realty/ IPM, Carol Warren 836-4800

6536 FARALLON WY, Quality Custom On Spacious Lot, Qt Setting \$389,000
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5432 CARLTON, Claremont Charming 4/2 1/2, Overlooks Golf Club \$385,000
Better Homes, Helen Bui 339-8400

950 LEO WAY, Nw Pricel Exceptional Value! Nw Montclair Trad, 4/3 \$379,000
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721 CALMAR, 1909 Traditional Beauty, 11 Rms, Modern Kitchen \$365,000
Wells & Bennett, Stan Hammond 839-5846 MLS 033379

3788 LAKESHORE AVE, Lakeshore 5/2+, Elegant, Bright Trad, Dok \$349,950
Pacific Union, Joan Dark 339-6460

859 ROSEMOUNT RD, New Listing! New Kitchen, 3/1 1/2, Character \$349,500
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2962 BURDECK DR, Custom Designed Contemp, 3/3, @ 1/3 Acre \$349,500
Coldwell Banker, Ruby Ng 339-1174

19 BINNACLE HILL, Hiller Hghlnds 2/2 Townhouse, Vws, Upgrades \$349,500
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308 TAURUS, New Listing! Montclair 3/2 Contemp, Light \$349,000
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2858 BURTON DR, 3 bedroom \$349,000
Gadsby & Associates, George Gadsby 748-5300 OPEN SUNDAY 2-4

403 HILLER DR, Upgraded Townhouse, Mstr St W/ Frplc, 3/2 1/2 \$349,000
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946 SUNNYHILLS RD, Crocker 4/3, Lg Fam Rm, Nw Bath, Hot Tub \$348,000
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1019 HARVARD RD, Nw Listing! Elegant 2-Story Trad, Frml Liv&Din \$339,500
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6898 OAKWOOD DR, Montclair Stunning 5 Yr Nw 3/2 Contemp, Frp \$339,000
Better Homes, Jeff Hilgert 339-8400

5665 CABOT DR, Reduced! Montclair 3/1+ Colonial Near Village \$339,000
Pacific Union, Kathy Flynn 339-6460

2082 MELVIN RD, Oakmore 4 Yr Old Contemp Cstm 3/2 1/2, Serene \$339,000
Coldwell Banker, Judy Rankankan 339-1174

401 HILLER DR, Hiller Hghlnds 3/2 1/2, Corner Unit, 2 Frplc, Skylts, Loft \$335,000
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7 WINDWARD HILL, Reduced! Hiller Hghlnds 3/2 1/2, 2 Frplcs, Part Vw \$335,000
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6915 SAYRE, Complete Remodel! 3+3, Lg Lvl Yd, Grt Fam Room! \$334,900
Wells & Bennett, Katie Meadow 482-3576 MLS 033989

7505 SKYLIME BLVD, 3/2 Hillside Haven Tri-level With Decks \$334,000
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1096 CLARENDON CRESCENT, Reduced! Crocker 2+1, Arch Gem \$329,000
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1891 TRESTLE GLEN, Colonial 3/2 1/2, Tree-lined Street, Mst Ste \$329,000
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19 KIMBERLIN HTS, New Listing! Crestmont 3+3, Huge Rumpus \$329,000
Pacific Union, Michelle Miller 339-6460

1625 LEIMERT, 4bd Trad, Spacious Rms, Wd Floors Throughout \$329,000
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5710 MORAGA AVE, Montclair/ Pied, Border, 2/2 Designr Remod! \$329,000
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419 60TH, Rockridge Craftsman, 4+2 1/2, Totally Renov, Move-in! \$329,000
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4164 WILSHIRE BLVD, 2+3, Style, Possibilities, Great In-law \$325,000
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457 HUDSON, Rockridge Brn Shingle 3+1 1/2, Gour Kit, Wood Detail \$319,000
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6074 JOHNSTON, Montclair Immaculate 3/2 1/2, Updated, Great Kit \$310,000
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1218 TRESTLE GLEN, Charming Crocker Highlands Medit, 3bd \$310,000
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4162 LYMAN, Medit, Grt Cond, 2 1/2, Rumpus, FDR, Brkfst Nook \$299,500
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6470 FARALLON, Montclair, Open, Bright, Wooded, Quiet, 3/2 \$299,000
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6757 BANNING DR, Montclair 3+2, Lvl Tree Studded Lot, Denr Ofc \$299,000
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666 WALAVISTA, Reduced! Unique, Beautiful Carved Wd Trim, 3++ \$297,500
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6939 PASO ROBLES DR, Serene Wooded Setting, 2 Mstr Stes, 3/2 \$295,000
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1015 TRESTLE GLEN, Charming 3/1 1/2 Traditional In Crocker \$293,000
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7036 BALSAM WAY, 1st Open! Montclair 2+1/2, Mint Cond, +Studio \$289,000
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4305 FAIR AVE, Just Reduced! New Construction, 3/3, Bay Vws \$289,000
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1675 E. 38TH ST, Glenview Immaculate 3/2 W/ FDR, Basement \$289,000
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4175 EASTLAKE, Choice Redwood Hts 3/2, Many Extras, Lg Yd \$289,000
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4151 GREENWOOD, Glenview 3+1 1/2, Level-in, Crocker School \$289,000
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4191 FRUITVALE, Oakmore's Best Value, 4/3, Updt Kit, Lg Rmpus \$289,000
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6379 GIRVIN, Pied, Pines, Move Right-in, Open Fr Pln, Sunny \$289,000
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4040 COOLIDGE, Reduced! Terrific 2bd Immaculate Trad, Rumpus \$289,000
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7265 SARON, Montclair 1 In A Million! 3/2 1/2, Fam Rm \$289,000
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5619 MILES AVE, Nw Listing! Rockridge 3/1, Wk- College Av/ BART \$289,000
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4000 MAPLE, Laurel Monterey Colonial, 3/1 1/2, Level Yard \$289,000
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3922 LA CRESTA, Glenview 2/1 Stylish Contemp Bungalow, Upgrd \$289,000
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2575 EL CAMINITO, New Listing! Charming 2bd, Solarium, Sun Rm \$289,000
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5659 BRADWAY AVE, Rockridge 2+1, Sunny, Upgrd, Grt Space \$289,000
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1386 HOLMAN RD, Spanish, Completely Renovated 4 Yrs Ago \$289,000
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6633 ARMOUR DR, Best Buy- Montclair! 2+bd Contemp, Cyn Vw \$289,000
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3027 SYLVAN AVE, Laurel 3/1 1/2 Chamer, Sunlit Brkfst Rm, Fr Rm \$289,000
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4739 EL CENTRO, Upper Glenview Bright, Sunny 3/1 1/2, Ong Detail \$289,000
Wells & Bennett, Jaya Bhimani 482-0869 MLS 034217

5959 BALBOA DR, New Listing! Montclair 3/2, Tahoe-like Retreat \$289,000
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3758 SILVERWOOD AVE, Laurel 3/1, Bright Cape Cod, Plus Room \$289,000
Pacific Union, Thomas Wurst 339-6460

73 SAMARIA LN, 2nd Exceptional! Townhouse, Magnificent Bay Vw \$289,000
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3800 MONTEREY BL, Redwd Hts Trad, Bay Vws, 2bd, Plus Room \$289,000
Wells & Bennett, Diane Earl McCan 531-7000 MLS 033427

3062 CARLSEN, SF Bay Vw, 3bd, Hdwd flrs, Stone Frplc, Stry Grnd \$289,000
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3671 VIRDEN, Reduced! Redwd Hts 2 Units, 1156 sq ft, Fixer, Vws \$289,000
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589 AILEEN, N. Oakland, Charming Idora Pk 2/1, Courtyard, Mont \$289,000
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4600 VIRGINIA, Just Listed! Maxwell Prk, Complete Remodel, 3/2 \$289,000
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DEADLINE: Tuesday, 5:00 p.m.

Pat recalls thrill of owning her first home

Number 72 in a series of true experiences in real estate.

Almost 30 years ago, I bought my first house. I was so excited about having my own garden that I couldn't wait to plant it. Before we moved in, I asked permission to put a bed of irises by the front walkway.

There was another, cheaper, house we were interested in, but the agent nixed the idea. She was worried about the neighborhood. I don't think my husband or I paid enough attention to be worried about the neighborhood.

But we were in our early 20s — innocent and optimistic — and it was a different time.

It was the '60s. I think the house cost \$18,000. It seemed like a lot. We borrowed the downpayment from my parents, but there wasn't enough money to buy a refrigerator. A friend gave us an old one that still kept things cold but nothing frozen.

The seller sold us the living room rug. It was lime green, not what I would have picked, but it was clean and made a soft place to sit on the floor.

It may not have been our dream house (we understood that we had to start somewhere) but it had wonderful push-out windows, oak floors, and a fireplace. There was a sunny garden space with a good-sized pear tree.

The house was on a busy Berkeley street, which I don't think I found of particular note, except that it meant the house cost less than some other houses.

In those days "everyone" got married and bought a house. We'd been married for a few years but it



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wasn't until my husband finished graduate school and got a teaching job that we could buy, and although \$18,000 is a pittance today, it was a stretch for us to make the loan payments.

The contract then was a single page. Simple. It said, "We'll buy your house for \$18,000 if we can get a loan." The agent wrote it up in a few minutes, and we signed just once at the bottom.

The agent also filled out our loan application, called various lenders until she found the lowest interest rate, and that was that. Loans were for 25 years, no choice, and the interest rate was fixed.

There was no such thing as having a house inspected before you bought it. We had a termite report but knew nothing of asbestos or earthquake proofing.

There were no seller's disclosures or home warranties. It was pretty true in those days that if the roof leaked after the house was yours, either you found the money to fix it or you lived with it.

Our agent told us we'd have to live in the house for at least five years before we'd be able to sell and get our money back. (I don't know if she volunteered this opinion or if we had the sense to ask.)

As it turned out, we lived there three years before we sold. The

agent was right, we did lose money, but I don't think either one of us was ever sorry we had bought the house.

We moved in and nested. I pored over home and garden magazines and we made improvements. For example, I decided to make over the bathroom. The paint store people told me I could paint the maroon ceramic tile with a special product. I followed the directions carefully but the result was not right. Though the tile looked better white, the surface had an unsatisfactory ripply look.

My husband who had never built anything, thought we needed a little deck in the garden. He bought the lumber and a saw and began.

Unfortunately, he laid the supporting two-by-fours down flat, then nailed the deck on top. We thought it was fine until someone came to the house one day and pointed out the error.

But we did improve the house. We painted and painted. We added sliding doors to the garden so it wasn't necessary to go all the way around the house to get there, installed a pretty new bathroom vanity and sink, and planted a copper beech tree in the front yard.

Our friends came for barbecues, we acquired dogs and kittens, and bought furniture on credit.

We played pinocle on Friday nights around the dining room table and turned the stereo up too loud. Having our own house cost more and involved more responsibility — but it felt a lot better than renting.

What we were like then seems different from the buyers Anet

and I work with now. For one thing, "everyone" does not buy a house these days. And, most first-time buyers are older than we were, primarily because houses cost more. It takes longer to save a downpayment (it's also harder to borrow it) and people have to earn more to qualify for a loan.

Buyers now are pickier, more careful. They look longer, think harder, expect more. They shop loans and get bids on shear-wall, talk to drainage experts, climb the ladder to look at the roof flashing. They worry about getting their money back when they sell. They would like assurance that buying makes good money sense.

Still, some things are just as they have always been. Buyers still fall in love. They still find that a certain house will hold their dreams — the one set back in brown and gold maple trees, the one that has an oversized garage just right for working on the Volvo, the one with the gas cooktop, built-in ovens, and a whole wall of pantry shelves.

Even with all the disclosures and inspections and investigations, when the house is the right one, buyers find themselves bending when they have to for the best reason of all: they are getting what they were looking for in the first place — a house that feels like and will be home.

We think this should be every buyer's minimum expectation.

Pat Talbert and Anet Tarpo are licensed agents and real estate consultants. To ask a question or to add your name to their mailing list, call Tarpo & Talbert Ltd., at 653-2050.

Real Estate Mailbox

Ban on pets in condominium has far-reaching implications

Editor:

The California Supreme Court's decision to allow a condominium association the right to prohibit pet ownership on their properties has harmful implications for pet owners throughout the state.

In effect, it denies hundreds of thousands of people who cannot afford a private home the opportunity to have a pet and to experience the benefits associated with pet ownership.

Not only have studies shown that pets provide health benefits to their owners such as lowered blood pressure and heart rate, but many pets provide constant love and acceptance to senior citizens living alone.

In addition, many heartbroken pet owners often have to surrender a beloved pet at their local animal shelter because they simply cannot find housing where pets are allowed.

Although pet ownership can cause problems in any type of

living situation, the difficulty lies almost always with the owner and not the pet.

The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), this country's largest animal protection organization, urges landlords and property management companies to enact policies to require responsible pet ownership among their tenants.

Mandating that pets are spayed or neutered, licensed, and under constant control by their owners will decrease pet-related problems and promote responsible pet ownership while allowing residents the right to share their lives with a pet. And with millions of dogs and cats awaiting adoption in animal shelters across the country, barring pets from rental or condo properties greatly reduces the number of homes that are available to these homeless pets.

Kenneth White
Vice President,
Companion Animals,
HSUS

Flea market sale in Richmond

Neighborhood House of North Richmond hosts a Flea Market Sale at the Richmond Civic Center Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 22 & 23 from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Chevron has donated a large inventory of office furniture to be sold. Other household items and furniture will also be available.

Proceeds will benefit Neighborhood House social service programs in alcohol and substance abuse recovery, education, employment training, senior citizens, southeast Asian education and outreach and gang violence prevention.

To donate items to the sale, contact Gail Dart at 235-9780.

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When agent represents both buyer and seller



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Although some home buyers purchase directly from a seller, most buyers use the services of a real estate agent. Yet buyers often don't understand the role their agent plays in the transaction.

Precisely what an agent will or can do for you depends on who the agent represents in the transaction.

If an agent represents the buyer exclusively (called a buyer's agent), he or she owes allegiance to the buyer and can negotiate on the buyer's behalf to obtain the property at the best (that is, the lowest) possible price.

If, however, the agent helping the buyer purchase a house represents the seller, then he or she owes an allegiance to the seller. A seller's agent is duty-bound to get top-dollar for the seller, not the lowest price for the buyer.

You may wonder why buyers would choose to work with agents who don't represent them exclusively. In some cases, a buyer may have no choice.

For instance, if you buy in a new subdivision, the builder may

If you end up working with a seller's agent, don't discuss the price you'll be willing to pay or the intimate details of your financial situation with the agent.

insist that you write your offer with one of the development sales representatives who represent the seller exclusively.

Or, you may decide that you don't want to pay a separate buyer's agent fee, which may be necessary in some situations if you use a buyer's agent.

(In California, it's possible to have exclusive representation by a buyer's agent and avoid paying a separate buyer's agent fee. This is done by having the buyer's agent receive compensation in the form of a commission paid by the seller.)

Let's say you have a relationship established with an agent who finds you the property you want to buy, and this property is listed with your agent's own realty company. In this case, even though your agent is not the seller's agent, you and the seller would be represented by the same broker.

Real estate agents work under the supervision of real estate brokers. The broker is actually the agent; the individual sales agents act as the agents of the broker.

When one broker represents both the buyer and seller, even if two agents are involved, it's called a dual agency representation. With dual agency, the agents owe allegiance to both the buyer and the seller.

To be legal, dual agency must be disclosed to the buyer and seller and both parties must consent to this type of representation.

A broker who represents you exclusively in a purchase owes allegiance to you and to you alone. This is referred to as a single agency relationship: One broker represents the buyer; another one represents the seller.

If you work with a broker who doesn't represent you exclusively, that broker doesn't owe you exclusive loyalty. This would be the case where the agent helping you is an agent of the seller. It would also be the case in a dual agency situation where the buyer and seller are represented by the same broker.

But regardless of which agency relationship is established, an agent involved in your transac-

tion owes you honesty, fairness, good faith, diligence, reasonable care and a duty to disclose material facts that may affect your decision to buy a property or the price you would pay.

Make sure that you and your agent discuss the various sorts of representation available to you before you write an offer to purchase a property.

If you end up working with a seller's agent, don't discuss the price you'll be willing to pay or the intimate details of your financial situation with the agent.

A seller's agent would be obliged to pass this information on to the seller which could compromise your negotiating power.

You should let the sellers know that you're qualified to buy their home, but you don't need to inform them that you're qualified to pay more.

California law dictates that a dual agent can't tell a seller that you'd be willing to pay more than your offer price without your written authorization to do so.

Whatever agency relationship you ultimately establish with your agent, remember that you are the decision-maker in the transaction, not the agent.

Dian Hymer is a broker associated with Coldwell Banker in the Montclair/Piedmont office and author of "Buying and Selling a Home in California" (Chronicle Books, 1994).

Governor Wilson signs bill to limit unnecessary lawsuits

California Gov. Pete Wilson has signed legislation that aims to discourage the filing of unnecessary lawsuits and ultimately is expected to lessen the burden on the state's overcrowded court system.

Gov. Wilson signed Assembly Bill 3594 (Weggeland) Sept. 29. Sponsored by the California Association of Realtors (CAR), the legislation is an effort to lower legal costs for all Californians and reduce the burden on the state's court system.

The new law discourages unnecessary lawsuits by requiring an attorney filing a suit to certify that the suit is filed in good faith and that it has legal merit.

Courts also now have the authority to penalize attorneys who file needless lawsuits to harass an individual or needlessly increase the cost of litigation.

"This new law is great news for all Californians because we're doing something to discourage frivolous lawsuits in our courts," said CAR president Pat Neenan.

"In recent years we have seen a proliferation of nuisance lawsuits—suits filed at the drop of a hat with little or no legal merit. Californians, including Realtors, cannot afford to endure the enormous costs associated with these lawsuits," said Neenan.

The bill was opposed by California Trial Lawyers Association.

"We applaud the Legislature and Gov. Wilson for recognizing the tremendous need for this legislation," said Alexander E. CAR's vice president of legal affairs. "This bill represents good, leading-edge policy for California."

Help beautify your city Oct. 22

Put on some old clothes, roll up your sleeves and join over 1,500 other volunteers for the East Bay Conservation Corps' Third Annual Serve-a-Thon Saturday, Oct. 22. Volunteers will plant trees, landscape and paint schools and community-based agencies, clean

creeks, and work at senior centers.

It's also a fundraiser for the East Bay Conservation Corps. Project sites are in Richmond, Berkeley, Oakland, Hayward, Orinda. Call (800) 59-SERVE for more information.

Childcare facilities need special quake safety measures

This is one in a series of articles on earthquake preparedness.

California law requires each state-licensed child care facility to develop and maintain a Disaster and Mass Casualty Plan. Develop or update the plan for your center with staff and parent input.

When developing your plan, assign responsibilities based on specific needs, interests, and training. Also consider the following:

• **Know Your Environment** — Determine the safest place in each room. Identify the locations of all exits, utility shut-off valves, and storage sites for emergency supplies and equipment. If child care services are offered through a church, school, community center, or employer, check to see that your emergency plan and procedures are compatible.

• **Maintain Routine** — Try to closely maintain normal diets and routines for all age groups.

• **Make Special Provisions:** Infants will not understand or respond to emergency instructions. Therefore, you should place special emphasis on ensuring that their environment is as safe as possible.

For example, cribs should be placed away from untreated windows and tall, unsecured bookcases and shelves that may slide or topple. Store, at the minimum, a 72-hour supply of extra water, juices, formula, diapers, food, and clothing.

Use strollers, wagons, blankets, and cribs with appropriate wheels to transport infants if evacuation is necessary. Toddlers may be able to understand simple emergency instructions. Some center staff instruct younger children to take the duck, cover, and hold position with the command, "Kiss your knees."

Store at the minimum, a 72-hour supply of extra water, juices, food, and clothing. Also have plenty of toys available and activities planned to occupy their attention. Maintain an extra supply of diapers even though your toddlers may be "potty trained."

Children with special needs require all of the above, plus additional assistance. Include provisions in your plan for extra staff, parents, and older children to help them.

• **Conduct Earthquake Drills** Drills can save lives. Child care centers should conduct and document drills every six months. Teach staff and children to "duck, cover, and hold" using sturdy tables or desks for protection. In a room with no sturdy tables or desks, have them crouch down and cover their heads with their arms, ensuring that the backs of their heads are protected.

Outdoors, have them duck, cover, and hold in an open area away from power lines and other hazards. Know how, where, and when to evacuate. (Evacuations should never be automatic, but must depend on the situation. You might be safer remaining in your building.)

• **Identify Resources** Survey staff, parents, and members of the community to identify professional assistance (architectural, structural engineering, nursing, etc.) and resources which might be provided on a volunteer basis.

• **Conduct Hazard Assessments** Conduct internal and external hazard assessments of the facility. Child care providers tend to store heavy, breakable items high and out of the reach of children; however, these items can become dangerous missiles during an earthquake.

Instead, store heavy, potentially breakable items in low, secured cabinets. Take special care to secure or remove any items above the head levels of the children, including televisions, hanging plants, air conditioners, and aquariums. Have windows treated with film to prevent glass shards from causing injuries should windows shatter during an earthquake.

Have a professional survey the building for structural integrity.

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By Don & Dave Runyan

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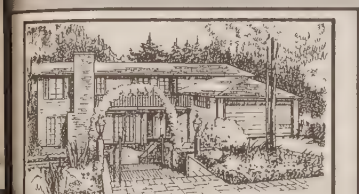
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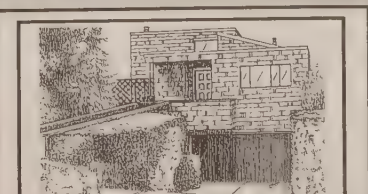
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Get your questions answered at Alameda home buyer's fair

A full slate of seminars is scheduled for the first Alameda Homebuyers' Information Fair on Oct. 15 at Lincoln Middle School.

The free fair, which runs from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., will open with a welcome from the organizing committee and Mayor Bill Withrow.

Half-hour seminars will be held throughout the day and a variety of booths will be set up to provide information to potential homebuyers.

The schedule of seminars is as follows:

• 10:30 - 11 a.m.

Seminar A: "Programs to Assist First-Time Buyers."

Learn about public and private financial assistance programs designed to help you afford your first house or condominium. Representatives from the County of Alameda and a lending institution will discuss the Mortgage Credit Certificate Program and other programs designed for the first-time buyer.

Seminar B: "Talk to the Experts About Inspection Services."

Whether it's termites or earthquakes you're worried about, this

seminar will answer all your questions. Professionals from Time's Up Termite and All About Homes will discuss various types of home and pest inspection services.

• 11 - 11:30 a.m.

Seminar A: "Tax Advantages for Homebuyers."

Lars Hansson, Alameda CPA and tax expert, will show you the financial advantages of purchasing property. This will be an essential seminar for first-time buyers to attend, but it will also be a great source of information if you are thinking about buying up or are beginning to plan for when the kids move out.

Seminar B: "Investment Advice for Buyers and Sellers."

Janice Lee of Edward D. Jones & Co. will offer her expert advice on managing your finances before and after the purchase or sale of your property.

• 11:30 a.m. - noon.

Seminar A: "Hints for Hiring a Craftsman."

Want to turn a "fixer-upper" into a palace? Bonnie Headlee of the Trades Guild will offer advice for finding talented, qualified experts to renovate and re-create your home. If you are eyeing any of Alameda's remarkable Victorians, this is the place to be.

Seminar B: "Creating a Healthy Home for You ... and the Environment."

Alameda architect and Architects/Designers/Planners for Social Responsibility (ADPSR) board member Darrel DeBoer will present an encouraging vision of the kinds of building materials and methods that can be used to create a healthy, sustainable home. He will have available draft copies of the ADPSR Resource Guide, which pinpoints materials that can make a genuine impact on the way we build.

• Noon - 12:30 p.m.

Panel discussion for first-time buyers:

Overwhelmed with information? Confused about any aspect of homebuying from mortgages to title insurance? A group of local banking, real estate and title company representatives will explain their roles and explain any question you have.

• 12:30 - 1 p.m.

Seminar A: "Future Visions for Alameda."

Prominent Alamedans will discuss plans for the city's future. Find out more about the Naval Air Station closure and how it will affect the property values in the city. Bill Garvine, president of the Alameda Chamber of Commerce, Alameda Realtor Walt Jacobs, and a representative from the Alameda Reuse and Redevelopment Authority will present their visions of Alameda as it enters the next decade.

• 1:30 - 2 p.m.

Seminar A: "Programs to Assist First-Time Buyers."

Seminar B: "Talk to the Experts about Inspection Services."

• 2 - 2:30 p.m.

Seminar A: "Tax Advantages for Homebuyers."

Seminar B: "Investment Advice for Buyers and Sellers."

• 2:30 - 3 p.m.

Seminar A: "Hints for Hiring a Craftsman."

Seminar B: "Creating a Healthy Home for You ... And the Environment."

• 3 - 3:30 p.m.

Panel discussion for first-time buyers.

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Firefighters support

Editor:
Albany residents expect quality city services. This year's \$600,000 budget deficit hit the city hard, and without a new source of revenue, the city will be forced to cut services more than it already has. Measure F guarantees that the city will have the money it needs to continue providing quality fire, police, and community services.

As Albany firefighters, we know how critical our response time is to your calls. We're proud that our response time is among the fastest in the Bay Area, typically three minutes or less. We also know that we must have adequate staff and properly maintained equipment, or our ability to provide such timely service will disappear. Services such as free water heater strapping, smoke detector installation, and citizen training programs would also be at risk for elimination.

People throughout the Bay Area see Albany as a safe community. The best way to keep Albany secure is to guarantee that the city has revenue to pay for strong and well-supported fire and police departments.

The card club provides a practical solution to the city's budget crisis, which is why the Albany firefighters Association endorse Measure F.

Captain Tom Watkins, President
Albany Firefighter's Association

For the record

Editor:
I am writing to express my appreciation for the thorough coverage you provided the recent general meeting of the Albany Greens (Sept. 22). However, I must object to one quote erroneously attributed to me: "We can talk about long-term solutions when the Ladbroke lease expires in 2020." No one at that

meeting advocated putting off long-term planning for even one day — certainly not me. We must have a clear vision of what Albany can become over the long-term in order for our short- and medium-term planning to produce desirable results.

At the meeting, I described my own vision of what Albany can become. I stressed the importance of a waterfront with the maximum possible acreage devoted to recreation, open space, and the natural environment. I stressed the need to reshape our business districts to become thriving centers of economic and cultural activity. I stressed the need for businesses that were economically and environmentally sustainable over the long-term and that served the needs of the local community. I pointed out the need for a transportation system oriented around mass transit.

I also listed several constraining factors to consider when planning. Any realistic long-term plan must take into consideration the city's severe budget shortfalls, our lack of resources to commit to economic redevelopment, and the fact that Ladbroke and Catelus have reached an agreement in principle to extend Ladbroke's lease through the year 2040. Given these constraints, I believe the cardroom proposal is a positive step forward. It will not solve all our problems in one fell swoop, but it will provide resources and opportunities for making our community more livable.

Bruce Mast
Albany City Council

Comparative view

Editor:
Ladbroke's proposed "cardroom" on the Albany waterfront is not just big; it is huge! Their license application is for 119,000 square feet of gambling area. That's the size of two football fields.

The proposal's immense size can be visualized in terms of our Albany city council chamber; it measures 33 feet by 40 feet, or 1320 square feet. When we do our arithmetic, 90 of our council chambers would fit inside the so-called "cardroom."

Another way to illustrate the immensity of the "cardroom": If these 90 council chambers were lined up end to end along San Pablo Avenue, they would extend from Solano Avenue all the way to the El Cerrito city line. To pretend that anything that large can be described as a "cardroom" is to deliberately deceive.

Add in bright lights, bars, entertainment, and other glitz and what have you got? A giant, seductive Las Vegas type gambling casino, not an innocent sounding "cardroom." Ladbroke's proposal is far too big and overwhelming, and very inappropriate for our spectacular waterfront.

City hall has been presented with better non-gambling solutions, but they have refused to allow their consideration. Why?

We must bring city hall back to the drawing board. We must vote down Measure F in November. Please help.

John Shively
Albany

Historic examples

Editor:
As a member of the Albany City Council, these are some thoughts after reading my friend Robert Outis's letter in The Journal Sept. 24.

• Racetrack revenue comes from gambling. Until 1985 over 20 percent of Albany's General Fund came from the racetrack. It was by far the largest single commercial source of revenue for Albany. Revenue from gambling is still the largest single commercial source of Albany's General Fund.

• Even though gambling has supported our city since the 40's, the presence and importance of gambling revenue has not lowered property values and has not kept families with children from moving in. In addition, during the period that I have lived in Albany (1957 to 1994), I have not detected any change in the value system of its residents as measured by family and child orientation, dedication to and pride in the

community, or support of the school system.

• Since the early 1980's, the numbers of people with higher income have increased in Albany. Some of these residents may be able and willing to pay higher taxes to support city services. Those less fortunate should not be made to feel morally indebted simply because they are willing to accept additional benefits from expanded gaming. I think it is important to protect those with lower incomes and not tax families and individuals into poverty or force the move out of Albany. Albany's strength and character as a community depends on its economic and social diversity.

• Voting for the expansion of an existing gaming activity does not mean anyone turns his/her back on the environment. I have been working for thirty years for public access to our waterfront. In fact, Measure F ensures that we will be able to use our waterfront for the near future without using public funds, which frees up public money for other uses. We will have a Bay Trail, we will have unimpeded access to the beach with designated parking, we will have a plateau and we will have a restored and increased marsh land - things we alone could not accomplish without Measure F. And we will have revenue to our city functioning.

• Measure F will provide additional revenue which will permit the city to enter into partnerships with schools, non-profits and business to provide programs for our children, our youth and our senior population.

The city is going into debt and will be \$1.2 million in the red in three years. Unfortunately, we do own the waterfront land nor do we have control lease. No one has suggested any viable alternative which will produce needed money in a realistic frame.

I hope you will join with me in voting for Measure F, a positive step for Albany.

Thelma
Albany City Council

From the Mayor's Desk

By Jane Bartke
El Cerrito



Shrinking revenue from your tax bill

Property tax bills arrived this week for many of us, and I wonder if you realize how little of the total bill is going to the city of El Cerrito. Take a look at your bill. Of the county-wide tax, the city of El Cerrito receives only 23 percent. Three years ago the percentage was 28, but state financial problems have hurt our city, as the state has continued to grab what we always considered to be "our" money.

It costs the city over \$900 per year per home to provide the basic services (mostly police and fire). Multiply 0.23 times your total county-wide tax bill to see if you cover the costs. Most homes do not even come close. This is one of the reasons that it is so important for the city to increase its general fund income through an increase in retail sales within the city.

Two recent projects on the north end of town, Target and Del Norte Place, have added substantially to the general fund. It is very important for us to return the El Cerrito Plaza to its former glory and retail sales tax ability.

You will also notice the extra levies and bonds on the bill. The Storm Drain Reconstruction was approved by the voters last year, and the first phase of the reconstruction is taking place. That is why there are so many torn-up streets in the southern part of town, and all the heavy equipment parked near the Plaza BART Station. The other charges have been levied or voted on over time, like Medical aid, BART, and Parks assessments.

On Oct. 17 the El Cerrito City Council will have a very busy agenda. To begin the meeting, the council will recognize Eileen Leon as a Hometown Hero for her enthusiastic and undying support for the El Cerrito Library. Eileen has been responsible for waking up the community, myself included, to the many needs of the library and the multitude of ways we, as citizens, can help. She will be glad to help you become a part of the Friends of the El Cerrito Library. Please contact her and sign up to help, by calling the library at 526-7512.

The Council will be discussing and voting on an Unfunded Mandates Resolution urging members of Congress to take action on Federal Mandate Accountability and Reform. This is a nationwide effort of towns and cities to reduce the burden of unfunded federal mandates on our local budgets.

Unfunded mandates are requirements placed on local gov-

ernments by the federal government to perform specified tasks. They are "mandates" because they must be done, they are "federal" because the national government enacts them, and they are "unfunded" because Congress does not appropriate any money with which to meet the mandate. Local citizens and businesses must pay for many federal mandates through increased taxes or fees. The federal government simply adopts legislation and establishes regulatory requirements without appropriating any federal money to implement the legislation or obey the regulations.

El Cerrito and other cities are trying to comply with many of these unfunded mandates at a time of shrinking budgets. Some mandates you may be familiar with are the Safe Drinking Water Act, The American Disabilities Act and the Clean Air Act. The intention of the various legislation is good, but parks, sewage districts, water districts, cities and counties cannot continue to comply without seriously affecting our basic services. There is only so much money!

To raise some money that will be needed to replace the fire station on The Arlington with an adequate, ADA-compliant, earthquake-resistant station, the Council decided a few months ago to sell surplus property around the city. The City council will select a realtor, on Oct. 17, to advertise and market the properties.

Architects have been solicited to submit bids for the construction of the fire station on The Arlington and staff has been assessing the proposals and interviewing the top candidates. A report will be presented to Council on Oct. 17, with a staff recommendation on the selection of an architect.

The big discussion item for the Oct. 17 council agenda will be the Residential Architectural Design proposals. The committee was formed in 1991 and sent its report to the Planning Commission in May. The Commission has finished the study of the proposals and their effect on planning and zoning. Its report and the RAD report will be assessed by the Council, with direction to staff to prepare any appropriate resolutions or Ordinance changes for adoption at a future meeting. Many citizens have been interested in this project and have been following it. It is now at the final phase.

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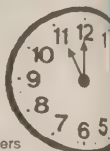


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
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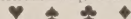
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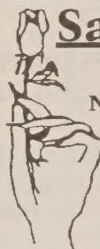
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DEPARTMENT STORE

Emporium.....528-1111

ENTERTAINMENT

Mel-O-Dee Lounge.....526-2131

Silver Screen Video.....524-3373

FASHION

Beadazzled.....525-3263

Fashion Era.....528-9871

Foley & Bonny.....524-5215

Goldmans.....524-7575

Kids Mart.....524-8931

McPhee's Jr. Bootery.....525-7177

Millers Outpost.....527-5924

Sizes Unlimited.....524-3252

GROCERY/GENERAL

Longs Drugs.....524-6886

Lucky Store.....526-6065

RESTAURANTS/FOOD

All Star Donuts.....525-7289

Chevys Mexican Restaurant.....526-2551

Chubby's.....525-9570

Chuck E. Cheese's.....524-8886

Juice House.....526-2037

The Junket.....524-4622

King Chwan Restaurant.....525-8737

Kirby's Restaurant.....524-1086

Mr. Michaels.....526-9429

Rose Brand Health Foods.....524-2494

See's Candies.....524-6461

Swensen's Ice Cream.....525-6100

SERVICE

California Federal.....525-8170

El Cerrito Plaza Travel.....528-1703

Field Management.....527-8030

Great American Dry Cleaning.....526-6344

Great Western Bank.....526-6118

Health Plus.....848-7587

Mail Boxes, Etc.....528-9444

Mechanics Bank.....262-7200

Mike Lee's Tours.....527-7366

SERVICE

Nacin's Shoe Repair.....525-5351

Optometrists.....526-2242

Photo Quick.....525-5234

Plaza Barber.....528-8420

Plaza Coin Laundry.....

Reno's Best Deals.....526-2946

Sara's Nail Salon.....528-8052

Weight Watchers.....1 (800) 473-3300

SPECIALTY

Advanced Instruments.....526-4348

Beauty Store, USA.....527-5414

Betty's Hallmark.....527-6757

Highlight.....524-0567

Kit & Caboodle.....524-9942

Larry Parks, Ltd.....528-6644

Mersey Soccer.....524-4625

Sherwood Florist.....524-0125 or 528-5350

Toy Symphony.....525-6243

V.G. White, Jeweler.....527-8000

Waldenbooks.....525-5727

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